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AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE

House sends Article XI initiative to Senate

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After an almost two-hour debate yesterday on the same issue that the Legislature had deliberated on over the years, the House of Representatives passed a proposed constitutional change allowing both the use of public land lease revenues for land acquisition or compensation, as well as subjecting the Department of Public Lands' annual proposed budget to legislative "approval."

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» Proposed constitutional change allows use of land lease revenues for land comp

Over 200 low-income patients on new 'sliding fee' program at CHC

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Low-income families who are worried about the high cost of medical treatment for their loved ones can heave a sigh of relief as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. now has a new program that provides treatment at a reduced rate or no cost at all for eligible recipients.

Corporation interim CEO Esther Muna told *Saipan Tribune* that the new initiative, called "Sliding Fee" program, is now being offered at the public hospital.

Saipan Tribune learned that as of yesterday, there are more than 200 individuals under the program's list and the number continues to grow each day. It was in October last year when

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Inos says CNMI provision in immigration bills does not violate Covenant

» Some House members poised to change position once Senate OKs joint resolution

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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Gov. Eloy S. Inos not only reiterated yesterday his support to a provision in pending U.S. Congress bills granting pathway to improved status for long-term aliens in the CNMI, but also



Inos

believes that the CNMI-specific provision does not violate the Covenant.

"To me, when we signed the Covenant (with the United States), we essentially gave up the immigration," the governor told reporters in an interview

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DRUNK, DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) gather for a group photo with Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and DPS personnel shortly after a proclamation signing yesterday for CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Inset shows DPS vehicles leaving the administration building's premises for their island-wide 3Ds awareness motorcade.

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Local

Rota resident ID program now law

Rota would soon have a resident identification card program following Gov. Eloy S. Inos' signing on Friday of a local bill that paves the way for the development of such program.

The governor signed Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) House Local Bill 18-17, Draft 1 into Rota Local Law 18-8.

Santos said yesterday she's thankful for the governor's signing of the measure that the Rota Legislative Delegation passed on Sept. 30.

In introducing the bill, Santos said the Rota resident card that the mayor's office issues does not have a picture of the person identified on the card which is sometimes used for travel in lieu of a birth certificate.

She said some local banks, stores, and other businesses require proper ID cards to cash personal, government, company and other checks.

The Rota Resident ID Card Program Act of 2013's purpose is to require a picture on the resident ID cards that the mayor's office issues. The resident ID fee is \$10. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*



LUCKY WINNER

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bank of Guam president and chief executive officer Lou A. Leon Guerrero, fourth right, who flew in from Guam for this photo opportunity, presents the keys to a brand new 2014 Nissan Titan to the Joeten Memorial Golf Classic raffle prize winner, Mike Demapan, third right. The Nissan Titan was a part of BOG's donation as the event title sponsor and in support of the Foundation's efforts to raise funds for charity. The four-door, luxury pickup truck is valued at \$44,000. Guerrero is joined by Bank of Guam Saipan branch president, Marcy Tomokane, second left. Others in the photo from left to right are Joeten Daidai Foundation board member Priscilla Tenorio, board member Clarence Tenorio, program manager Somia Quan, board member Norman Tenorio, Foundation president Frances Demapan, and JMGC organizing committee members Matt Deets and Norman Peter Tenorio.

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House OKs 18 bills, resolutions in 1 day

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Besides passing an Article XI initiative, the House of Representatives passed and adopted yesterday 17 other bills and resolutions that included House Resolution 18-47 expressing "sincere condolences to and solidarity with the people of the Philippines" in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan that authorities say has claimed more than 5,200 lives.

One other adopted measure, House Joint Resolution 18-13, requests Gov. Eloy S. Inos to start appointing a board of directors for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which remains under a state of emergency declaration.

The House also asked the Settlement Fund administrator, through H.R. 18-46, to adjust monthly mortgage payments by 25 percent as a result of a 25-percent cut in retirees' pension.

The House adopted 11 resolutions and joint resolutions between 11:09am and 11:45am yesterday, before going into a lunch break.

When the session resumed in the afternoon, the House passed six bills and one initiative between 2:51pm and 4:48pm.

The House adopted six resolutions that honor or congratulate the following individuals: Paul T. Miura for being named the 2014 CNMI of the Year; Retired command sergeant major Richard S. Basa for being chosen the 2014 CNMI Instructor of the Year; Koniko Desirae Masga Nakazato for being selected 2014 CNMI Teacher Aide of the Year; Dr. James William Toskas

for his 15 years of distinguished service to Rota and his contributions to the CNMI people; and former representative Egredino Mendiola Jones for his public service and contributions to the CNMI people.

Also passed was HJR 18-12, supporting the CNMI economy's diversification by developing breadfruit flour as a value added agricultural export product.

By a vote of 17-0, the House also adopted Senate Joint Resolution 18-4, S1, petitioning U.S. Congress to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990 to include the CNMI, to "affirm that all Americans shall be given the same consideration when it comes to compensation for exposure to radiation from the U.S. nuclear testing and to increase compensation for those affected."

Also passed was HR 18-49, urging the Department of Public Safety to enforce rules and regulations on motor carriers using CNMI public highways.

The House also passed HB 18-99, HD2, amending the Commonwealth Litter Control Act of 1989; HB 18-80, HD2, amending motor vehicle insurance coverage law; HB 18-97, HD1, allocating funds received pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control; and HB 18-92, authorizing DPS to impound vehicles.

Also passed were HB 18-103, HD2 amending penalties for expiration and nonrenewal of vehicle registration; and HB 18-76, HD1, changing the offense of drunk and disorderly conduct as a payable infraction.

CNMI'S 3DS PROCLAMATION SIGNING**DPS aims for zero fatality throughout holiday season**

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The Department of Public Safety will conduct many traffic enforcements in the CNMI as it aims to have a zero fatality caused by impaired driving throughout the holiday season.

At a proclamation signing for CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month yesterday in the conference room of the governor's office, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed that

MMA fighter Namauleg arrested for allegedly beating up her boyfriend

Mixed martial arts fighter Tara Marie Namauleg was arrested last week for allegedly beating up her boyfriend at the latter's residence in Koblerville.

Namauleg, 27, also known as Tarantula, was taken to Superior Court Friday on charges of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$1,500 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

Yesterday, Camacho granted the defendant's motion to modify the bail by allowing her to post a property bond and released her to a third-party custodian.

Detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that the boyfriend called the Department of Public Safety on Tuesday at 11:56pm to report about a domestic violence involving Namauleg.

When a responding police officer arrived at the scene, the boyfriend told the officer that Namauleg punched, kicked, and scratched him.

After a few minutes later, Namauleg showed up and started shouting at her boyfriend. The officer got in between them to prevent a physical fight.

When Namauleg walked away, the officer asked another responding police officer to arrest her.

At 12:07am Wednesday, the defendant was arrested and detained at the Department of Corrections.

The victim told police that everything started when Namauleg took his vehicle and returned late that night. As the two ended up arguing, she allegedly started to be aggressive by punching and kicking him all over the body. She also allegedly scratched him across the left cheek area.

That same Tuesday night, MMA fighter Maitai K. Charley, 29, was also arrested again, this time for allegedly slapping a woman who was a total stranger to him in Garapan. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

during the 3Ds month of December, there will be several checkpoints as well as increased police presence in the community to ensure the community's safety during the holiday.

Deleon Guerrero in an interview said 3Ds will kick off on Thanksgiving Day and will end up at the first week of January.

"The target is always been for sure nobody dies throughout the holiday season related to drunk or drugged driving," Deleon Guerrero said.

At the ceremony, the commissioner said according to traffic statistics, in 2012, there were 1,934 total crashes, 32 were alcohol related, and three fatalities were alcohol related.

In 2011, there were 2,369

total crashes, 58 were alcohol related, and zero alcohol-related fatality.

In 2010, there were 2,587 registered total crashes, 63 were alcohol related, and three were alcohol related fatalities.

With respect to driving while under the influence of alcohol (DUI), Deleon Guerrero said in 2012 there were 158 persons arrested, in 2011 there were 240 individuals arrested, and in 2010 there were 219.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider signed the 3Ds proclamation. Senate president Ralph Torres also attended the ceremony. The conference room was filled with DPS personnel.

Inos urged police officers

to be vigilant in their efforts to keep the community safe during the holiday season.

"Our administration stands ready to continue to work with the department and support its efforts for a safe community," Inos said.

Inos and Hofschneider asked the officers and the community to continue fighting drunk and drugged driving throughout the year in order to ensure the safety of the roads for motorists.

Police Sgt. Anthony Macaranas, officer-in-charge of DPS Traffic Section, said the main goal of the statistics is to see the achievement of the department in reducing the numbers of impaired drivers on a year-to-year basis.

"We cannot ignore public safety because of manpower issue," Macaranas said.

He said he was assigned back

to Traffic Section since June of this year and that he is happy seeing a decrease in impaired drivers.

"We are looking for safe holiday," Macaranas said.

After the proclamation signing, DPS officers conducted an island-wide motorcade to promote the 3Ds program.

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HOUSE

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By a vote of 14 “yes” and two “no,” along with one voting “present” and three absences, House Legislative Initiative 18-6 passed the House at 4:48pm yesterday.

The Article XI initiative, authored by Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), now heads to the Senate.

Reps. Richard Seman (R-Saipan) and Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) and minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) said the initiative could breed political favoritism when it comes to compensating landowners for their property that the government took.

Seman and Roman Benavente were the only two among 17 members present yesterday to vote “no.” Camacho voted “present.”

Three members were absent—vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), and Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan).

The remaining 14 voted in favor of the initiative.

If the Senate also passes HLI 18-6, then it will be placed on the ballot for voters’ ratification in the November 2014 elections.

“To me, voting ‘yes’ only means that we’re taking it to the next step, and that is to get it to the Senate. And if they vote ‘yes,’ that only means that it’s taking it to the next step again, which is to have the people decide. So really by voting ‘yes,’ we’re not deciding that this will happen. What we’re doing is putting it forth to the people who will ultimately decide whether it’s a good policy or not,” Deleon Guerrero said after the session that wrapped at around 5pm.

During discussion on the bill that started at a little past 3pm yesterday, the speaker temporarily stepped down to join the debate and Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan) became speaker pro tempore for the

very first time.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) also cautioned members against any political ramification but he pointed out that he supports land compensation.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), during discussion, said the House vote will not be the final decision but is only the first step.

Ultimately, the decision rests with voters, he said.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) said “we have to start somewhere” because, he said, people have waited for far too long for the government to compensate them for their land.

The speaker told his colleagues that they raised legitimate concerns that he said can be addressed to ensure a fair system of compensating landowners.

Rep. Roman Benavente asked whether the initiative will be voted on only by people of Northern Marianas descent or the general public. House counsel John Cool said it’s the latter.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), for his part, asked whether the measure allows the government to continue to acquire lands or compensate the owners of lands that were already taken by the government.

The speaker said “the intent is to compensate for land that’s already taken.”

But he said in the future, if a

piece of property is landlocked when a new school or a new road needs to be built, then the government will have to acquire land.

Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero brought up the issue of the Department of Public Lands’ lack of a master plan, which he said is one of the reasons why land compensation has dragged on for years.

Camacho and Seman also said if the Legislature is serious about paying landowners, it could have done so by passing an appropriations bill instead of tinkering with the constitution.

Seman said he does not object to land compensation “but pretty soon, nothing (land) will be left.”

The speaker, in an interview after the session, said he expected “there would be some controversy” and “healthy debate” but was relieved that the measure mustered enough votes to pass.

The debate was mostly on the proposed use of public land lease revenue for land compensation, but not the other component of the initiative which is to require the Legislature’s approval of DPL’s annual proposed budget.

DPL’s annual budget is currently transmitted to the Legislature only for “informational purpose.”

The speaker said he would also encourage the Senate to

consider the initiative.

“I think all of us, especially those that have been here a long time, can probably feel the frustration of the people and the disappointment that it’s taken so long (to compensate landowners)... I’m pretty sure they also realize that and they hopefully will support the measure and put it before the people,” the speaker added.

Because it was a legislative initiative, the measure needed three-fourths vote from members present and voting.

The 14 “yes” votes were more than enough to pass HLI 18-6. They were from the speaker, floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Reps. Tony Agulto (Ind-Saipan), Tony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Teresita Santos (R-Rota), Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

The initiative seeks to amend Article XI Section 5 g of the CNMI Constitution.

At present, the CNMI Constitution does not allow income from public lands to be used to compensate landowners for the taking of their property.

“Many land owners have

been waiting for years to be compensated with no relief in sight. This initiative will allow the income from public lands to be used for the acquisition of land,” said the committee that reviewed and recommended adoption of the initiative.

The House Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Rep. Tony Benavente, also held pub-

lic hearings on HLI 18-6 on Saipan, Tinian and Rota from June to August.

Because of time constraints, the House didn’t get to act yesterday afternoon on another of the speaker’s Article XI initiative—HLI 18-5—that increases to 99 years the maximum public land lease currently at only 55 years.

CHC

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the CHCC initially started the program but it was only fully implemented some three months ago.

According to Muna, recipients under the sliding program can avail discounted rates on hospital and service fees ranging from 25 percent to 100 percent, depending on the assessment and recommendation conducted on each patient. The corporation raised its fees up to 300 percent starting in August last year.

“The rate [in the sliding fee] depends on family income and expenditure. We have a system where we’re taking their eligibility,” explained Muna, admitting that since the program’s full operation, a significant growth was observed on the volume of its recipients.

Prior to the establishment of sliding fee program, CHC had been operating the MIAP program, or the Medically Indigent Assistance Plan program which provides assistance to non-insured indigents by providing discounted rates on their prescription drugs as determined by the corporation.

MIAP funding is from the compact impact money provided to the CNMI yearly, which covers citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia. However, because of the limited resources and austerity measures implemented at CHC, its MIAP office has been closed since late 2011. Since its closure, many indigents who used to avail of the program’s service have been affected because they were not

able to process their renewals while some did not receive any update on their pending applications due to its sudden closure.

There were hundreds of recipients under the MIAP program when it closed down.

Unlike the MIAP program, the new “sliding fee” program can be availed by anyone provided they are resident of the Commonwealth at least for one year. This also covers contract workers and their families living on island.

Corporation acting chief financial officer Cora Ada explained yesterday that to avail of the program’s benefit, a form must be filled out with corresponding required documentations. Using the adopted “scale” for the program, an applicant could avail 25 percent, 50 percent, 80 percent, and 100 percent discount depending on the recommendation of the program supervisor.

According to Ada, the current statistics of the sliding fee program is vital in the electronic health record incentive calculation of the hospital. The Electronic Health Record is a federally funded project that provides incentives to the hospital for the project’s meaningful use.

This means that incentive for CHCC, from the EHR project, may potentially increase because of the enforcement of the sliding fee program for low-income families on island.

A staffer from the program yesterday confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* that from the over 200 individuals under the program, majority are availing the 100 percent discount on hospital fees at CHC.



RELIEF BOXES

A staff from LBC Mabuhay neatly stacks the “balikbayan” boxes filled with donated clothes, beddings, and other footwear as part of the United Filipino Organization’s in-kind donation drive for victims of super typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. LBC is shipping the boxes for free to the Philippines Red Cross.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

COVENANT

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at the signing of a proclamation declaring December 2013 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Inos said he would also like to meet with members of the CNMI House of Representatives to discuss the immigration matter “more thoroughly.”

The governor also plans to meet again with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) on this issue.

Sablan sponsored a CNMI-specific provision in S. 744 and H.R. 15, which are both pending in U.S. Congress. The bills grant pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in America.

Two weeks ago, 13 CNMI House members voted “yes” to Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro’s

(R-Saipan) resolution asking Congress to eliminate from pending immigration bills a provision that would allow persons “of other ethnic origin or race who are in the [CNMI] to become U.S. permanent residents and subsequently become U.S. citizens.”

These members claimed that the CNMI provision in S. 744 and H.R. 15 violates the Covenant.

As of yesterday, at least two of those 13 CNMI House members separately said they are poised to change their position once the CNMI Senate brings to the House a “joint resolution” supporting improved status for legal, long-term aliens in the Commonwealth.

CNMI senators are now working to revive a resolution adopted in the 17th Legislature asking U.S. Congress to grant improved status for

long-term aliens in the CNMI, taking into consideration the CNMI-specific provision in S. 744 and H.R. 15.

In 2011, the CNMI Senate adopted then senator and now lieutenant governor Jude U. Hofschneider’s resolution recommending U.S. Congress to grant nonresident workers who have been in the CNMI for at least 10 years as of May 2008 a status “similar” to those granted to Freely Associated States.

The governor said yesterday he is aware that the CNMI Senate could introduce a separate resolution that is counter to the CNMI House resolution.

“I know that the resolution that passed was a House resolution. I understand the Senate is taking a different view, given that the Senate had previously issued statements supporting the proposition (improved status) so I think there’s a conflict

there,” Inos said.

The governor said he continues to support Sablan’s provision in U.S. Congress bills “but I like to sit down with the members, at least from the House, and discuss this thing thoroughly, see what’s the benefit going either way.”

Inos and Sablan share the view that the CNMI provision in S. 744 and HR 15 does not violate the Covenant between the U.S. and the Northern Marianas.

“If it violates the Covenant, then Public Law 110-229 will be ruled as void and it’s not. So if they have issues, don’t blame Kilili. If you have anything to blame, blame history, the history where 78 percent of the people approved the Covenant in a plebiscite,” Sablan said on Sunday.

Immigration “was settled in 1975 when the people approved

the Covenant,” Sablan added.

CW extension

The governor remains optimistic that the U.S. government will extend the transitional CW program beyond Dec. 31, 2014.

If the CW program is not extended, the CNMI loses immediate access to some 12,000 skilled and professional foreign workers that the local economy has relied upon while there’s still not enough U.S. worker pool to fill these foreign workers’ positions.

But the governor was pleased with the Friday and Saturday job fair that aimed to encourage employers such as major hotels to hire available and qualified U.S. workers.

When asked for a message to employers now that the CW program is only a year away from expiration unless extended, the governor said he will

not go into the economics of it, trusting that the businesses will make the right decision.

“I think what’s paramount here in the decision model is how will they continue to do business given the uncertainties or the lack of foreign labor. Of course one answer is expedite local hiring, local training, that’s one of the benefits of the job fairs. And there’s ongoing program by NMTI, NMC, PSS, to get them job-ready. In the end, if it’s going to be more costly for business to hire U.S. eligible citizens as opposed to these folks, that’s a business decision that they are going to have to make. But I hope that whatever it is, in the end, that the market will take charge of the decision,” the governor said.

The CNMI asked for a five-year extension of the CW program.

Terminated counsel insists fees independent from Jorgensen's

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Timothy R. Lord, a San Rafael, California-based lawyer who is originally seeking \$3.6 million or \$5.6 million in attorney's fees as one of the counsels for Betty Johnson but was reportedly terminated by Johnson, has insisted that his fee award is independent and that the federal court should grant his petition for fees.

In his supplemental memorandum in support of his petition for attorney's fees and costs filed in federal court on Friday, Lord explained how Johnson's original counsel, Bruce Jorgensen, approached him in 2006 and asked for help to collect on the NMI Retirement Fund's default judgment against the CNMI government.

Lord said he and Jorgensen, as equal co-counsel, subse-

quently filed a complaint and amended complaint in Johnson's class action against the CNMI government and the Fund in order to seek justice for the Fund members.

The lawyer said prior to the court hearing on the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action, he had not spoken to Jorgensen since March 2012 when the latter requested him to withdraw as co-counsel.

He disclosed that on Sept. 20, 2013, Jorgensen called him to ask that he file a document with the court indicating that he had been terminated from the case.

Lord said Jorgensen also stat-

ed during the conversation that it was "not his job" to assist in the recovery of Lord's fees in this case and that any "contingency" belonged to Jorgensen.

Lord said that in the circumstances, and because there was no contract between him and Jorgensen regarding fees, he (Lord) determined that the proper course was to file his petition for an award of attorney's fees—which he did.

The lawyer said his position is that Jorgensen has no legal or contractual right to an award of Lord's fees which have been separately earned and previously filed with his petition and

additional pleadings.

Lord said giving the CNMI the benefit of the doubt that they could accurately discern Jorgensen's billing records, he (Lord) reduced his billings accordingly as evidenced by the modified billings that he attached to his declaration.

He said his modified billings shows a reduction in billings for each task identified by the CNMI government as having been inappropriately or excessively billed by Jorgensen.

Lord did not specify in the memorandum how much now he is requesting for payment in his petition.

Man allegedly strikes an elderly man with PVC pipe, drum can

A man who has a pending criminal case was arrested again on Sunday for allegedly striking an elderly man with a PVC pipe and a drum can on the face and head.

Matt Souneng, 27, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on an officer.

The victim was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room for injuries on the head. The police report described the victim as an elderly, but did not indicate his age.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail for Souneng's temporary release.

Detective Kevin R. Maratita stated in his report that Police Officer David Rabauliman responded to a disturbance call at Koblerville housing area on Sunday at 3:21am.

Upon Rabauliman's arrival at the scene, he observed the victim on the ground covering a white cloth on his bloodied head.

A witness told the officer that she saw Souneng struck the victim on the head with a drum can.

Rabauliman then arrested Souneng, who approached and told him that everything was fine.

Souneng, however, pushed

the officer on the chest and resisted from being handcuffed. Another police officer and a firefighter assisted Rabauliman in subduing the suspect.

During the police interview, the victim alleged that he was inside his house when he heard Souneng outside, shouting. When the victim checked outside, the suspect asked him if he has a problem.

Without warning, Souneng struck the old man with a PVC pipe on the face. The victim ran toward his garage area, but the suspect threw the pipe, hitting him on the back.

The victim grabbed the pipe and chased Souneng, who ran across the street. The suspect picked up a drum can and struck it at the victim's head.

The victim said he felt dizzy and collapsed for a few minutes. When he regained consciousness, his neighbors were already assisting him because of his injuries.

Rabauliman disclosed that Souneng has a pending criminal case and had just been released from prison last month.

Court records show that Souneng, who was drunk, was arrested last July for allegedly throwing a rock and stick at a customer of a laundry shop in Koblerville. The victim suffered injuries. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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ACCJC sets 3-day commissioners' assembly in January

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The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, or ACCJC, is set to conduct a three-day assembly to take a commission action on several issues and policies relating to its member institutions.

Barbara A. Beno, the organi-

zation's president, announced to chancellors, superintendents, presidents, and accreditation liaison officers of its member-institutions that the much awaited commission meeting is slated from Jan. 8 through 10 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, California.

Based on the preliminary meeting agenda, the commis-

sion will be meeting in executive sessions for the first two days while dedicated the last day for public comments.

The Northern Marianas College, which was slapped with show-cause status in its accreditation, is expected to be on the assembly through its president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart and Board of Regents chair Juan Lizama.

NMC submitted its show-cause report last Oct. 15 and accommodated an external visiting team for the report's validation. A supplemental report will also be turned in mid December to the ACCJC. The recent visits ended with positive notes from the accreditation inspectors. The visit took place on Oct. 21 and 22.

The first day visit was called

the "Substantive Change" visit that pertains to the accreditation of NMC's only baccalaureate degree program. NMC had requested that its baccalaureate degree program accredited under one accrediting body.

The second visit, called the "Show Cause Visit," also ended with a verbal report provided to the college indicating a sum-

mary of its observations and comments.

The accrediting commission early this year placed the college anew on show-cause status, saying that NMC has not fully addressed the concerns it had raised. It has given the college until Oct. 15 to submit a report on why it should be allowed to keep its accreditation.

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\$6.9M for water tank replacements, sewer projects

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The replacement of dilapidated water tanks as well as sewer projects of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are expected to be

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy 6th birthday to Maimai. No matter how many birthdays come and go, you will always be our little princess. Love, Mommy and Daddy.

resolved in the coming months following announcement of a \$6.9 million financial assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that EPA has announced the availability of \$6.9 million for water and wastewater projects in the Commonwealth.

Warren said the \$6.9 million EPA grant covers FY 2013 which ends on Sept. 30. He said CUC has committed the anticipated funds to specific initiatives. These include \$4.3 million committed for water tank replacements; \$800,000 for various sewer projects; and about \$1.1 million for other water projects of the utilities corporation including waterline replacement and chlorine treat-

ment facilities.

The chief financial officer said the EPA has yet to announce FY 2014 funding grants for CUC.

He told *Saipan Tribune* that the funds will be issued by EPA as the projects are completed. The \$6.9 million funding is restricted for water and sewer projects.

According to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), the change that the CNMI won in 2010 to increase drinking water and wastewater construction grants continues to pay off year after year for the Commonwealth. Sablan announced in his electronic newsletter Friday about the \$6.9 million grant from EPA.

"The Environmental Protection Agency announced \$6.9 million in water and sewer grants to the CUC this week.

Before we got the funding formula changed the Commonwealth was only receiving about \$1 million a year. Since the increase we have received \$37 million; and Saipan has reached the goal of 24-hour water in many areas," stated Sablan in the newsletter, adding that the Commonwealth's Division of Environmental Quality—part of the newly formed Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality—was also awarded this week \$1.7 million to carry out its operations, including beach monitoring, permitting, and other environmental protection programs. He recognized the staff and management at CUC and the new bureau for improving the island's water system and protecting the environment.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 26, 2005

51 cops, firefighters promoted

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela yesterday promoted 51 police officers and firefighters who have already been in service for more than five years. Gov. Juan N. Babauta graced the ceremony held at the police academy in Susupe. It was the first time in many years that DPS initiated such a massive promotion with accompanying salary increases for the change in ranks. Babauta and Tudela handed the badges and placed the insignias on the shoulders of the police officers and firefighters.

Call center reviewing CDA OK

We Manage Calls Inc. says it is reviewing the recommendation issued by the Commonwealth Development Authority on its qualifying certificate application. The CDA, according to business proponent Erick Van Der Maas has recommended a \$2-million worth of tax abatement over 10 years. We're still reviewing it, said Van Der Maas, indicating that their team was anticipating for a bigger tax break from the government through the QC program. He said he is awaiting comments from his California-based business partner, Hans Smith, about the CDA recommendation.

November 26, 2006

Fund investments up at \$445M

The NMI Retirement Fund's investment assets went up by \$23 million in September this year compared to the same month last year. Likewise, the September 2006 figure was \$4 million more than the previous month, August, which had \$441 million. This growth is due to overall favorable market conditions, said Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon. "The entire market was up. It would be a big surprise if we didn't go up," said Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon in an interview. As of Sept. 30, the Fund's investment assets totaled \$444.8 million, or about 5 percent higher than the same month last year, which registered at \$421.8 million.

One week left to bid for DC plan

Only few days are left before the RFP deadline for the government's defined contribution plan but no company has submitted any proposal yet. NMI Retirement Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon said the Request for Proposal for the plan's third party administration will close on Nov. 29. "It's a big RFP so the companies take their time to prepare. I'm sure that whoever is serious will turn it over before the deadline," said Aguon in an interview this week. He said several companies have requested information from his office regarding the requirements. "There's a great interest," he said.

November 26, 2007

Higher rates in effect for GHI members

Higher contribution rates for the government health insurance program are now in effect. The rate increases were implemented simultaneously as the privatization of the NMI Retirement Fund's Group Health Insurance Program, which is now carried by Aetna Global Benefits. The new rate schedule, effective since Nov. 1, sets uniform premium rates for active and retired members. Subscribers can expect rate increases of up to 43 percent, while the government will pay almost double for certain enrollees. The monthly premium for a single enrollee is now \$169.90, from \$140 for retirees and \$130 for active members previously.

Garment workers who got checks likely to get more

Garment workers who already got their share of the settlement money from the CNMI garment industry will likely receive more from the \$2.1 million that remain undistributed. Garment Oversight Board chair Timothy H. Bellas told *Saipan Tribune* that under GOB's plan—subject to the district court's approval—they will pay about 600 additional garment workers who claim they did not get any checks. Under the plan, Bellas said, these 600 additional people will be paid out of the \$2.15 million that the plaintiffs' counsel transferred to GOB pursuant to a court order. He said the amounts that these 600 people will get are the same as those checks issued before to 29,000 people. "And then whatever is left over after that are going to be distributed equally to the rest of the workers," the former judge said.



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The Korean Wave (한류 韓流 Hallyu) is the increase in the popularity of South Korean culture since the late 1990s. First driven by the spread of K-dramas televised across East and Southeast Asia, it became a global phenomenon. The U.S. president said "It's no wonder so many people around the world have caught the Korean Wave, Hallyu."



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Extra pay for DMA approved

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The governing body of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has approved and executed a salary adjustment for its director for medical affairs upon the recommendation of the organization's advisory board of trustees.

Saipan Tribune learned that Dr. Sherleen Osman, the Commonwealth Health Center's lone nephrologist who is also running the facility's dialysis center, was officially provided the incentive for performing the additional task as DMA of the public hospital.

It was in July this year when the CHCC advisory board rec-

ommended the extra pay for whoever will serve as DMA of the hospital. This is in recognition of the huge task expected for the position.

In a visit to CHC interim CEO Esther Muna last week, she confirmed the adjustments made to the DMA salary.

Osman is confirmed receiving now \$275,000 per annum—an increase from \$260,000 per annum that she used to receive as the hospital's nephrologist.

"It's incorporated [in the new amount]," Muna responded to Saipan Tribune when asked about the new salary of Osman.

Based on the early recommendation from the board, members have proposed to the

interim CEO up to \$15,000 compensation for DMA—an amount the members described as reasonable compared to the additional work and tasks the DMA is performing for the CHC and the board.

The DMA is a member of the CHCC board of trustees and being appointed by the CEO. The individual serves as the direct link between the management and the hospital's clinical organization. A DMA reports directly to the CEO and is providing strategic guidance for all medical programs within the corporation. He/she ensures that medical staff is abreast of every initiative and procedure and he/she works with other department heads to better

serve the patients.

Since the corporation took over the public health operation, DMA was never accorded extra pay for additional jobs, resulting in fast turnover rate in the position. To date, individuals who served this post included Drs. Shirish Balachandra, Michael Deary, Jeremy Richards, and Osman.

Aside from the extra compensation, the board had also proposed to the CEO a selection process for the position. From the usual practice of appointment from CEO, the DMA must come from the recommendation of the medical staff to make sure the individual will articulate their voices.

Sobriety checkpoints set for Thanksgiving

The Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth State Police, Traffic Section will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Thanksgiving this Thursday, Nov. 28.

The first setup will be on Beach Road, Susupe, in front of Minantchom Atdao, on the southbound lane. This operation will commence at approximately 5pm and will terminate at approximately 6:15pm.

The second setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai, adjacent to the St. Michael's Office on the southbound lane. This operation will commence at approximately 7:30pm and will terminate at approximately 8:45pm.

The third setup will be on Beach Road, Garapan, across

from Bank Pacific, on the southbound lane. This operation will commence at approximately 9:30pm and will terminate at approximately 10:45pm.

The fourth setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Lau, in front of IT&E Building, on the southbound lane. This operation will commence at approximately 11:30pm and will terminate at approximately 12:45am.

In addition, Traffic Officers will be conducting Highway Criminal Interdiction (HiCI), Saturation Patrols, Aggressive Driver Interdiction (ADIP), and speed enforcement.

For more information, contact Sgt. Anthony Macaranas at 483-5818. (PR)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to Kaleolani Joy Kani for being student of the month and part of the honor roll in her fifth grade class at Sully Elementary School in Virginia. She also received an award for her writing skills. Kani is the grandchild of Leo and Mertie Kani.

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Congratulations go out to Peter Joseph Taisakan for being student of the month and part of the honor roll in his third grade class at Sully Elementary School in Virginia. Taisakan is the grandchild of Valentino and Cris Taisakan.

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NMC-CREES continues rabbitfish farming project

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service (NMC-CREES) is inviting members in the community to learn more about its ongoing rabbitfish farming project by attending a free presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The aim of the "Community-Based Rabbitfish Farming Development Project to Mitigate Pressures on Marine Finfish Stocks in the CNMI" is to expand fish aquaculture by working on establishing marine finfish culture capabilities on Saipan. The upcoming presentation will introduce the community to the project and will provide valuable information on farming rabbitfish.

This yearlong project, which started in July 2013, is funded by a \$69,000 grant from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration via the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This is also part of the CNMI Aquaculture Plan, which is available on the NMC-CREES website at <http://crees.org>.

In the grant, it states that the "the development of a reliable supply of highly desirable, high-market value marine fish products will assist in desperately needed economic recovery of the islands, while also providing a more reliable and consistent food supply to the region."

"There are two markets for rabbitfish: one for month old hatchlings which are for good for value

added products, such as salted rabbitfish, and one for seven month-old adult rabbitfish," said Michael Ogo, NMC-CREES Aquaculture and Fisheries Development Program leader.

Rabbitfish was chosen as suitable species for marine finfish aquaculture in the CNMI by local stakeholders during a brainstorming session held in July 2012.

"Rabbitfish are herbivores which means that the feed costs in the Grow-Out Phase is lower than with other marine species," said Ogo. The Grow-Out Phase is the final stage in aquaculture production in which fingerlings are fed at accelerated rates to produce optimal growth to market size.

In addition, NMC-CREES is currently working to produce rabbitfish fingerlings to be distributed to local farmers to raise for Pacific island markets. With support from the Oceanic Institute's Hawaii consultant Dr. Chatham K. Callan, brood stock is expected to be in fish tanks by January 2014. NMC-CREES will also be hosting a field day to demonstrate the technology around this time.

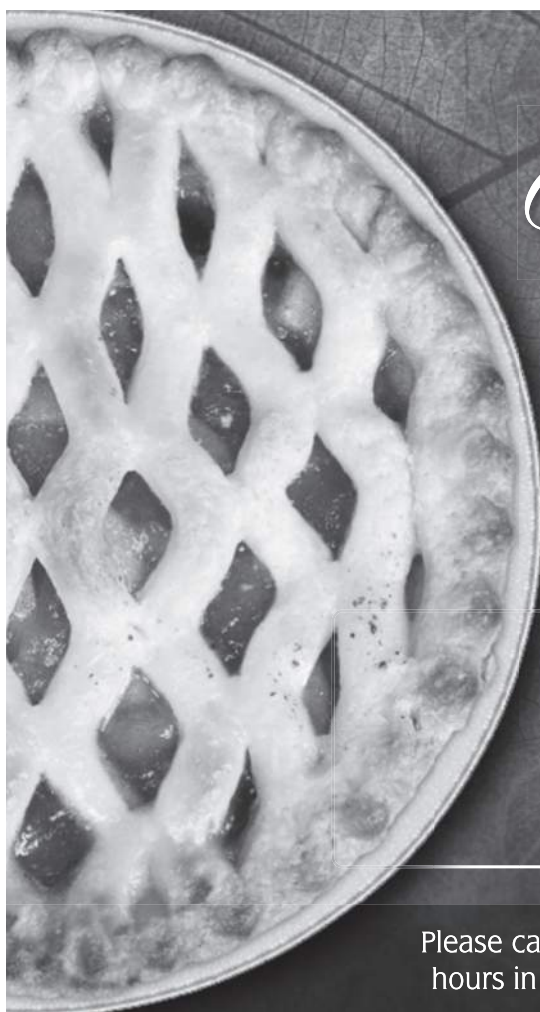
According to Callan, the "project helps to sustain wild stocks, while creating business opportunities for the CNMI." He is also aiming to assist NMC-CREES in readying the first batch of fingerlings for distribution by early summer 2014.

For more information on this project, the upcoming presentation or NMC-CREES, contact Claus Bier at 285-2335 or visit <http://crees.org>. (NMC)



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Listen to Cuba's dissidents

The Obama administration is dropping broad hints of possible changes in U.S. policy toward Cuba. Any change should come with a cautionary note: Watch what Cuba's leaders do to dissidents and the average citizen alike, not what they say about "modernizing" Cuba.

It's encouraging to hear that the administration is thinking about how to move the needle on Cuba, as President Obama told an audience in Miami recently. Too often Cuban issues are deemed politically risky and shoved aside.

But policy toward Cuba should not be forged in a vacuum. Raul Castro and his octogenarian colleagues show that they're determined to hang onto power. They're not interested in genuine democracy and they're not about to tolerate any changes that could threaten their survival. The regime's actions speak volumes about its true intentions:

- November began with a delay in the trial of three democracy activists arrested last year during the visit of Pope Benedict XVI. The church has a new pope, but these dissidents are still in jail.

- The following weekend, Cuban security officials detained 30 members of the Ladies in White in yet another crackdown on freedom advocates, and a government mob pummeled a prominent dissident, Guillermo Farinas, when he dared complain to the police.

- On Oct. 14, police and a pro-government mob arrested 22 members of the Ladies in White who were marking the anniversary of the death of their founder.

- In September, more than 700 short-term detentions of dissidents were reported by Cuban human rights groups, one of the highest totals in years.

This goes to the heart of what Cuba's dictatorship is all about—power. It's important to put events in this context and not the false reality portrayed by the regime.

President Obama sparked speculation about upcoming changes in U.S. policy toward Cuba when he told a private Democratic Party fund-raiser here that "we have to continue to update our policies" toward that beleaguered nation. Last week, Secretary of State John Kerry repeated those same words in a major speech on Latin America.

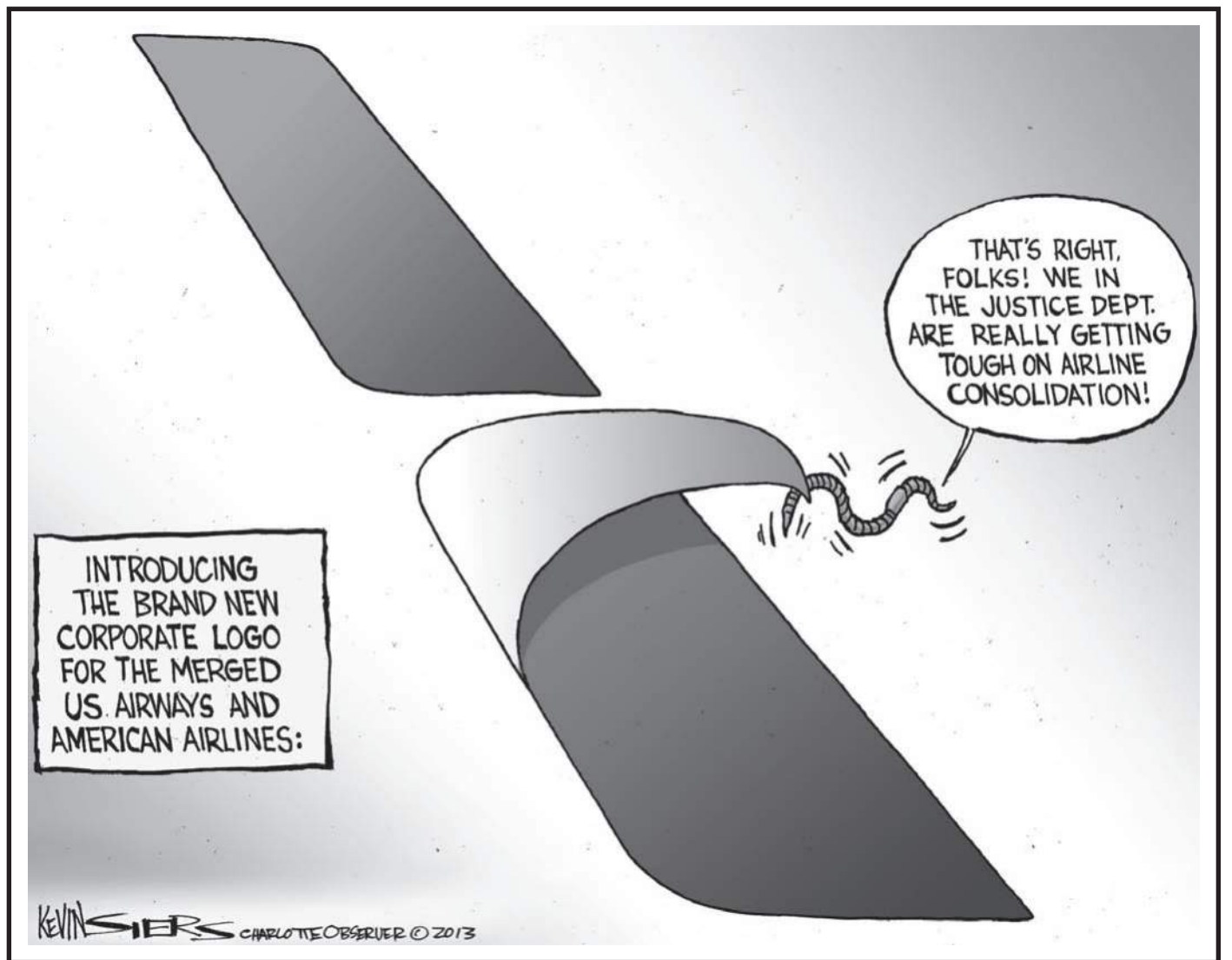
The president said his administration would have to be "creative" and "thoughtful" in updating U.S. policy, words that Mr. Kerry echoed while noting that the two governments "are finding some cooperation on common interests."

Mr. Kerry properly noted changes in Cuba that make life a bit easier for people by allowing more Cubans to travel freely and work for themselves. But such changes and selective actions don't portend a change in the nature of the regime. The secretary of State noted that this "should absolutely not blind us to the authoritarian reality of life for ordinary Cubans."

Exactly. Fortunately, that same message was delivered to Mr. Obama by two prominent dissidents when the president was in Miami.

Mr. Farinas and Berta Soler, leader of the Ladies in White, met with President Obama at a Democratic fund-raiser hosted by Jorge Mas Santos, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation. Mr. Mas Santos deserves credit for providing a useful venue for the president to hear directly from two brave dissidents.

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Why Netanyahu won't yield

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been labeled a warmonger, a wolf-crier and an opponent of peace at any price because of his policies on Iran.

Here's what Netanyahu's critics say: His warnings of a bad deal are designed to undermine measures to slow Iran's nuclear program and test its openness to long-term solutions. His insistence on strengthening, rather than easing, sanctions will weaken Iranian moderates and drive them from the negotiating table—precisely what Netanyahu allegedly wants. Similarly, his demands for dismantling Iran's uranium enrichment facilities and removing its nuclear stockpile are intended to replace diplomatic options with military ones.

The critics claim that he is again playing the doomsayer, the spoiler of efforts to avoid conflict and restore Iran to the community of nations.

Why would any leader subject himself to such obloquy? Why would he risk international isolation and friction with crucial allies? And why, as some commentators assert, would Netanyahu jeopardize a peaceful resolution of the Iranian nuclear threat and drag his country—and perhaps not only his—into war?

The answers to these questions are simple.

Netanyahu is acting out of a deep sense of duty to defend Israel against an existential threat. Such dangers are rare in most countries' experience but are traumatically common in Israel's, and they render the price of ridicule irrelevant.

Moreover, when formulating policies vital to Israel's survival, the prime minister consults with Israel's renowned intelligence community, a robust national security council and highly specialized units of the Israel Defense Forces. Netanyahu may at times appear to stand alone on Iran, but he is backed by a world-class body of experts.

In 2011, these same analysts predicted that the Arab Spring, which was widely hailed as the dawn of Middle Eastern democracy, would be hijacked by Islamic radicals. They foresaw years of brutal civil strife. Netanyahu publicly expressed these conclusions and was denounced as a naysayer by many of the same columnists who are now lambasting him on Iran.

Yet it is precisely on Iran that Israeli specialists have proved most prescient. They were the first, more than 20 years ago, to reveal Iran's clandestine nuclear activities. They continued to scrutinize the program, emphasizing its military goals, even after 2003, when weaponization was purportedly halted.

Throughout several attempts at diplomacy, these experts have disclosed the ways that Iran systematically obstructed United Nations observers, lied to world leaders and hid nuclear facilities, such as the one at Fordow, which can have no peaceful purpose. Israeli intelligence has accurately tracked Iran's support

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for terrorist organizations, its role in the massacre of thousands of Syrians and its responsibility for attacks against civilians in dozens of cities around the world.

This does not mean that Israeli estimates are infallible. Since the failure to foresee the 1973 Yom Kippur War, intelligence officials are wary of long-standing conceptions and rigorously question them. Nevertheless, Israeli experts agree that for hegemonic purposes and internal security, the Iranian regime wants and needs the bomb.

Consequently, it will employ any ruse to preserve the ability to produce a weapon in a matter of weeks while obtaining some relief from sanctions.

Iranian leaders know—and Israel's analysts agree that lessening the economic pressure on Iran will send an incontrovertible message to foreign companies, many of which are already seeking contracts with Tehran, that the sanctions that took years to build are ending. Iran could drag out any confidence-building period indefinitely while producing fissile materiel for multiple bombs.

Top-flight intelligence helped Israel grapple with the challenges posed by the Arab Spring, but the stakes regarding Iran—the lives of 8 million Israelis—are vastly greater. Pundits may posit that Iranian President Hassan Rouhani is a moderate, but Israelis cannot indulge in speculation. Our margin for error is nil.

Knowing that, Netanyahu is duty-bound to warn of Iranian subterfuge, to insist that Iran cede its centrifuges, cease enrichment, close its heavy-water plant and transfer its nuclear stockpiles abroad.

He has a responsibility to explain that although Israel has the most to gain from diplomacy, it also has the most to lose from its failure. He is obliged to stress that the choice is not between sanctions and war but between a bad deal and stronger sanctions. And as the prime minister of the Jewish state, Netanyahu must assert Israel's right to defend itself against any existential threat.

Critics can call him militant or intransigent, but Netanyahu is merely doing his job. Any Israeli leader who did less would be strategically and morally negligent.

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Mamomokat dos amigo para i gima gi finagpu dottrina. Mattu i dos gi puntan chalan ni maputa dos. Unu Tunas, i otu Yine'ase.

I pairan chalan Tunas rektu gi tinatiyen lai. Lokue, tiha lie haf na para uchatsaga un tautau lau parehu appottunadat desde edukasion yan man-antau siha na ineyag che'chu tautau. Mampos tunas yan kuatdrau kaudranteña na sumaunau gi mapunu Jesukristo pot ma-akusa na lumache i amku.

Si Yinea'se humidde yan tomtum. Ha komprende chinatsagan tautau ya ti masa man-ayuda gi haye numesessita ayudu. Mammaisen ginen i chagu asi i ginen i Saina pot mampos bahu trahiña

ya mamahlau man-estotba.

Manu nai gaige hau gi entre dos chalan? Kase an unna daña i dos mas felis hinanaumu.

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Guaha tres klasen tautau: 1). Ayu i muna masusede haf masusede. 2). Ayu i uma'atan haf masusede. 3). Yan ayu i ti tumuŋg haf masusede. Manu mohon nai gaige hau?

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Mafaisen si Magoo haf na mes nai mafañagugue. Sin ditension ilegña, "A June-July!" Dios mihu amigo yahu lumie haf i mamañagu para u saŋgan.

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Mattu un lancherun Chinu para u bendeyu golai. Hu faisen gi finu Iŋglis haf guinahaña. Ilegña, "Kakalamber!" (cucumber). Entre guahu ha, "Ai, mauleg na hulie" pipinu gi halom kahita sino todus dia hit umafulu apliŋg na finu Iŋglis.

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Sige dispues ha chonegyu para bai famahan chandia. Ilegña ta'lu gi apling na finu Iŋglis, "Felly sleet and felly koot". Umafamauleg ham sa yahu magahet chandia yan melon. Ai si Mistet Kakalamber!

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Kada mattu giya hame un niyetun diŋga ha sosoda chocolate cake yan fina mames siha gi lamasan chumochu. Ha faisenyu haf na tatnai fatta chocholate cake. Hu dage na kada malagu'yu makompliaños, hu faisen si nanaña biha para u fatinaseyu cake.

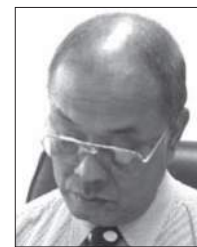
Ha atanyu dispues ilegña, "Siña bai faisen lokue si grandma ya u fatinaseyu chocolate cake?" Hu saŋgane na asaguahu i mamatitinas ya ti siña na para u sasaunau managu. Ha atotga mamaisen haf taimanu nai siñague gaina chocolate cake diariu. Hu ñaŋgon na debi u fan esphiha asaguaña. Ha chaguague ginen konbetsasion.

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Hu lie man-espiga tinanom bisinu mai'es. Dispues ha tutuhon

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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kumusecha tinanomña kamute ni ha tanume kuaru iŋgglera. Ti hu komprende haf taimanu na man-la'la tinanomña lau kansadu i tanu. Kase ha na'ye fottolisan kometsiu na felis tinanomña.

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Gi karera para i plasan batkon aire giya Luta, guaha siha kinisechan kamute yan sune listu gi halom kostat gaŋggoche para u mametkau. Sumugu'yu teŋga mamahan sa yahu ag'gun haya. Saipan taya sineda'hu gi chalan soluke matai katu yan galagu. De dios mihu!

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Luta umonra i flores iya Marianas. Desde hiniyuŋg plasan batkon aire esta i seŋsoŋg todus atmos bandan chalan gaige i Flores Mayu. Saipan nuebu sineda'ña na tinanom: mutuŋg ansufa katu yan galagu ni mana kilulog guatu gi kanton chalan. Maulegña tafan mamaisen simiyata para i oriyen guma.

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Megai gi guinahata libianu tafa salape. Lau kulan no siakasso. Taigue animu-ta kontodu kinalamten mamatinas dididi sinisiyu para ayudun pottanmonedan familia. Ga'ota fumachuchue gobi-etnu sino praihet ke para ta atrebi fumachuchue maisa hit mismu. Un maña ni mauleg ta bira pot para ta tutuhon manohge gi fitme na adeŋg-ta. Hagas independente natibu gi todus kinalamteña inaligau mantension familia.

Iran's Rouhani: He's no Gorbachev

Analogy between Secretary of State John F. Kerry's negotiations with Iran and the negotiations the Reagan administration undertook with the Soviet Union have become commonplace. But is Hassan Rouhani really another Mikhail Gorbachev—another leader of a dictatorship with whom the U.S. can (and should) "do business," in Margaret Thatcher's phrase?

Recall that Gorbachev was not just interested in achieving arms reductions with the United States. He was intent on a thorough reform of Russian society. The Encyclopaedia Britannica summarizes his initiatives: "Under his new policy of glasnost ('openness'), a major cultural thaw took place: freedoms of expression and of information were significantly expanded; the press and broadcasting were allowed unprecedented candor in their reportage and criticism; and the country's legacy of Stalinist totalitarian rule was eventually completely repudiated by the government. Under Gorbachev's policy of perestroika ('restructuring'), the first modest attempts to democratize the Soviet political system were undertaken; multi-candidate contests and the secret ballot were introduced in some elections to party and government posts."

The success of these policies was limited because they were resisted by the apparatchiks—the communist bureaucrats—but there is no question that Gorbachev sent a signal that the old days of repression at home and adventurism abroad were at an end. From his first day in office in 1985, he was intent on pulling Soviet troops out

of Afghanistan, a goal he achieved in 1989.

That same year, as revolts rippled across Eastern Europe, Gorbachev allowed the fall of communist regimes from East Berlin to Warsaw. Instead of sending the Red Army to impose order, he pulled out Soviet troops and allowed democracy to blossom and the Cold War to end.

Have there been any similar indications of a change of heart on the part of Rouhani and his master, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei? Hardly.

In fact Khamenei just gave a firebreathing speech calling Israel "the rabid dog of the region" and claiming it was "doomed to extinction." He also accused the U.S. of "inhuman deeds," such as the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Perhaps this can be dismissed, as the Obama administration seems to prefer, as just "uncomfortable" rhetoric, even if the rhetoric of leaders such as Hitler, Stalin and Mao has often proved an accurate guide to their actions. But there aren't many actions to point to, either, on the part of the Iranian leadership to indicate that they have decided to adopt a kinder, gentler path.

Obama administration officials have been eager to cite claims from the U.S. intelligence community that Iran has slowed its enrichment of uranium. But, leaving aside the question of whether American intelligence analysts have any better grasp of the Iranian program than they had of the Iraqi WMD program, it is eminently possible, as Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu argues, that the slowdown is occurring simply because the mullahs already have all the capacity they need to produce a bomb.

Meanwhile, in Syria—roughly equivalent for Iran today to Afghanistan for the Soviet Union in the 1980s—there is no indication that Tehran is backing off from its support for the inhumane attacks of President Bashar Assad on his own people. To the contrary, all indications are that Iranian support for Assad, much of it delivered through the militant group Hezbollah, continues to flow unabated, notwithstanding the blowback Iran suffered this week when Sunni militants blew up its Beirut embassy. More than 100,000 Syrians have died and more continue to perish every day.

Nor is there much indication of Iran ending its war on internal dissent. The United Nations' special rapporteur on human rights in Iran, Ahmed Shaheed, recently told the General Assembly that

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while Iran has released roughly a dozen "prisoners of conscience," hundreds more remain in detention, many of them with "inadequate provision of food, water and medical treatment."

"Inhuman punishments such as stoning and amputation" also remain in use, and 724 executions took place between January 2012 and June 2013, with nearly 150 executions reported in the last three months alone, with Rouhani in office. Moreover, Shaheed noted, "some 15 journalists have been arrested since January 2013 (rendering a total of some 70 media personnel and bloggers in detention); approximately 67 Internet cafes were closed in July alone, and up to 5 million websites are reportedly blocked."

Finally, "members of religious minority groups, including Baha'i, Christians, Sunni Muslims and Yarsan also continue to face severe restrictions of their rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association; while ethnic, linguistic, and other minorities continue to see their rights violated in law and in practice."

This condemnation is coming, mind you, not from Israeli diplomats or American neocons supposedly bent on war with Iran. Shaheed is a former foreign minister of the Maldives who is now a visiting professor at City University of New York-Brooklyn College and at the University of Essex in Britain, hardly the credentials of a rabid anti-Iran hawk.

His report on Iran's human rights violations is withering, and taken with other evidence, it provides no support for the theory that Rouhani and Khamenei are bent, as Gorbachev was, on a fundamental restructuring of a repressive system. They might be willing to temporarily suspend their nuclear program in return for sanctions relief, but there is no sign they are willing to end their cold war against the West, as Gorbachev did, which would require dismantling the entire nuclear program.

LISTEN

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Listen to opposition leaders who live in Cuba, they told Mr. Obama. Keep "tough sanctions" in place, disregarding "cosmetic changes" until the regime moves toward real democracy. Ensure that dissidents and civil society have a place at the table in any negotiations on Cuba.

That advice should be heeded as the administration ponders new moves toward a nation held captive for almost 55 years.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼80
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79

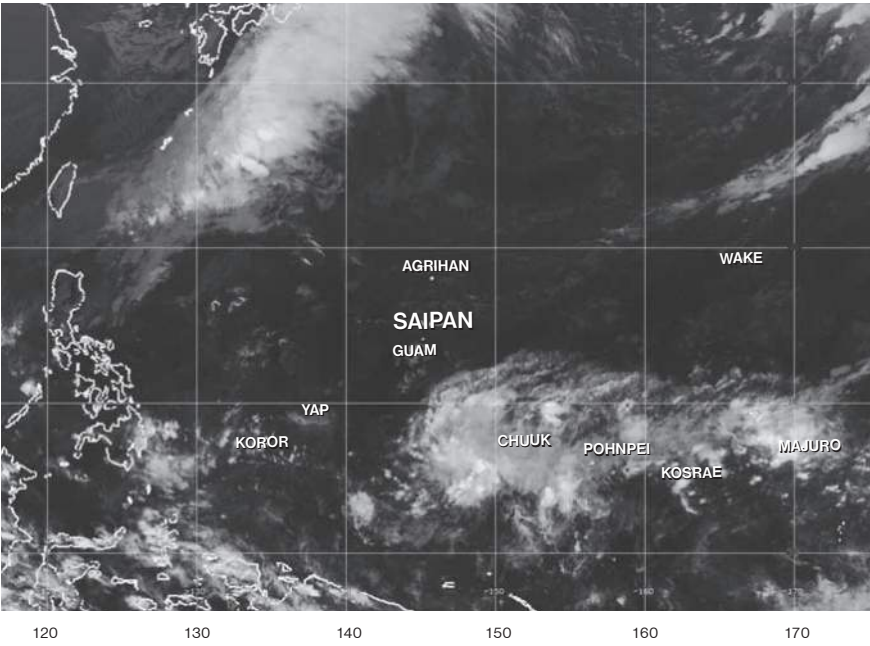
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲72 ▼66
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲45 ▼22
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼68
Honolulu	Sunny	▲81 ▼68
London	Partly Cloudy	▲40 ▼33
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲70 ▼50
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼56
Miami	Showers	▲76 ▼73
New York	Sunny	▲37 ▼31
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲53 ▼45
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲41 ▼33
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲55 ▼44
Rome	Windy	▲48 ▼37
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲53 ▼36
San Francisco	Sunny	▲65 ▼49
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲48 ▼34
Tokyo	Sunny	▲61 ▼44
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲38 ▼34

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
7:10 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
2:15 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line heads west-southwestward from east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N166E to beyond 130E at 20N. Cloudiness and patchy showers are present along and up to 185 miles north of this boundary. A near-equatorial trough extends west-northwestward from 1N140E to beyond 130E at 3N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found southwest of Palau between 3N and 6N west of 133E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across eastern Micronesia between 4N and 11N from 147E to 173E. This includes Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands. Similar weather is found southwest of Chuuk between 1N and 4N from 142E to 146E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:26 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:26 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:30 PM
Wednesday	12:45 AM	1:09 PM
Thursday	1:35 AM	1:50 PM
Friday	2:26 AM	2:33 PM
Saturday	3:21 AM	3:19 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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NMC hosts Rota Drive-In Movie Night Wednesday

The Northern Marianas College's College Access Challenge Grant program is inviting Rota residents to attend a Drive-In Movie Night event this Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at 6:30pm and 9:30pm at NMC's Instructional Site on Rota.

In addition to featuring the films "The Wolverine" at 6:30pm and "Elysium" at 9:30pm, pre-movie activities will include a brief presentation about preparing for college (college success, student life, financial aid, and time and money management, etc.).

The fun-filled event is free and open to the public. Space will be reserved for those who wish to bring their vehicles to the event. Space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Refreshments and snacks will also be sold by vendors at the event.

Please note that the film "The Wolverine" is rated PG-13, which means that minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parents or guardians. The film "Elysium" is rated R, which means that minors under the age of 17 must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

For more information or inquiries, contact the NMC Rota Instructional Site at (670) 532-9513 or visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

Korean Cultural Expo on Nov. 29

The Korean Cultural Center will hold its Korean Cultural Expo at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe starting 6pm on Friday, Nov. 29.

Daniel Huh, president of the Korean Cultural Center, said they are holding the event in cooperation with the Academy of Korean Studies, a South Korea government agency.

"Visitors can also try on the Korean king, queen, and other costumes for photo opportunity. They can also try Korean food including Bibimbap—a signature K-food and a symbol of harmony and cooperation—and sample traditional Korean drinks."

Huh added that the Korean Cultural Expo will also feature several events that would help the Academy of Korean Studies project called "Understanding Korea," as well as promote friendship between Korea and the Northern Marianas.

The main event is a Bibimbap-making segment, where

about 100 people can taste Bibimbap on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A team of Taekwondo experts will also perform under the leadership of the grandmaster from Blue Dragon Martial Arts corp.

Materials about Korean culture such as books, movie posters, and information that will be shown on TV screens will also be available. There will be an "About Korea" trivia quiz and the Korean singing contest as well.



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A Bibimbap-making segment and trying out costumes of the king and queen of Korea are just some of the activities slated for this Friday's Korean Cultural Expo at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

in the CNMI, particularly language education.

Huh said they received certificates of appreciation from the governor and the lieutenant governor of the CNMI for teaching Korean to the staff and volunteers at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center.

"The Korean Cultural Center also ran programs at Northern Marianas College and at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort for the employees there," he added.

For more information, email your name and phone number to kccmarianas@gmail.com or call Huh at 285-2221, 285-2121, or 256-2221.

South Korea is the CNMI's second largest tourist market and many South Koreans operate businesses in the Northern Marianas.

The Academy of Korean Studies is a research and educational institute established in June 1978 by the Ministry of Education & Science Technology of South Korea with the purpose of establishing research on Korean culture. (PR)

HSC-25 conducts medical evacuation from Rota to Saipan

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 assisted in the medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) of an elderly patient from Rota who required medical treatment Nov. 24.

Upon the request of Coast Guard Sector Guam, a MH-

60S Knighthawk helicopter from HSC-25 was promptly dispatched from Andersen Air Force Base and transported the patient from Rota to Saipan for treatment.

The incident was the 16th MEDEVAC executed by HSC-25 personnel this year.

"The value that HSC-25 brings to the Marianas goes beyond dollars and cents and is measured in lives saved," said Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, Commander, Joint Region Marianas. "Their unique mission involving search and rescue and humanitarian response

for cases like this MEDEVAC represents the Navy's steadfast commitment to the people of the Marianas."

HSC-25 is the only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation alert posture, directly supporting the U.S. Coast Guard

and Joint Region Marianas.

HSC-25 is also the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As a part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of logistics, search and rescue and humanitarian assistance missions. (PR)

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ESGR now accepting nominations for Freedom Award

BARRIGADA, Guam—Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the Department of Defense's highest honor presented to civilian employers for exceptional support of their National Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR encourages Guardsmen and Reservists, or family members acting on their behalf, to submit nominations at www.FreedomAward.mil by January 20, 2014.

Guard and Reserve members comprise nearly one-half of the nation's military force, providing essential services to national security and humanitarian ef-

forts at home and abroad. Supportive employers, with their enduring commitment, have helped keep our military strong and our Nation secure.

"Across the nation and most especially here on Guam, employers have shown noteworthy support to their service member employees and families," said David J. Sablan, ESGR state chair for the Guam-CNMI Committee. "Service members find it easier to go on their routine duty, respond to natural disasters or serve in a deployed location if they are assured of their employers support. By submitting a Freedom Award nomination, a member of the National Guard or Reserve can acknowledge and thank their employer for the critical role they play in our nation's defense."

Earlier this year, National ESGR received a total of 50 nominations from service members on Guam and in the CNMI. Up to 15 deserving employers are selected as Freedom Award recipients and honored in Washington, D.C. every year. Examples of past recipient support include continued benefits and healthcare for deployed service members, home maintenance and childcare support and veteran hiring initiatives. Service members who have received exemplary employer support

are encouraged to submit their nominations for the Freedom Award today.

Guam-CNMI holds its own a separate Employer Awards Gala which is now running on its fifth year. Among this year's recipients of the Pro Patria Award, a distinction awarded to the Top Three outstanding employers on Guam-CNMI, were DZSP-21 LLC for the Large Business Category, Ambros, Inc. for Small Business and GDOE Wettengel Elementary School for the public sector.

ESGR, a Department of

Defense office established in 1972, develops and maintains employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws, and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce. On behalf of the Secretary of

Defense, ESGR runs the annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award program. Created in 1996, the Freedom Award has been presented to 190 employers.

For questions or information on the Freedom Award, contact Maj. Josephine Blas, ESGR Officer, at 671-735-0456 or email at joblas67@gmail.com. On Saipan, contact Rose Igitol at 670-287-1129 and Janice Tenorio at 670-285-6309 and Vince Calvo at 670-287-6173 on Rota and Tinian. **(PR)**

Respicio supports progress on crop damage compensation for farmers

Agriculture chair Sen. Rory Respicio yesterday wrote Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo regarding the governor's recent announcement that he will use his emergency transfer authority to provide assistance for local farmers recovering from recent damage to their crops.

In his letter, Respicio noted that he had urged this same action two weeks ago. At the time, the Calvo Administration stated that an emergency declaration was unnecessary and instead provided a GEDA loan program for local farmers, instead of direct assistance.

Respicio wrote, "Governor, I urged you to take this action two weeks ago because it was clearly the most expeditious avenue for our government to respond to the immediate needs of our island's farmers. Specifically, Chapter 64A, Title 5, GCA, provides for crop damage compensation to farmers, was enacted into law more than 20 years ago. All


that was required was for you, as Governor of Guam, to exercise your executive powers. Your previous emergency declaration last month to fund the use of public schools as shelters, demonstrated that you had sufficient statutory authority to provide the needed funding for other storm related requirements, including assistance to local farmers."

Respicio went on to say, "This past Wednesday, my Legislative Committee held a roundtable with our island's farmers and officials from your Administration to examine this matter, as well as to explore the possibility of getting our island's farmers to utilize federally-administered crop insurance programs. A significant finding from that roundtable meeting was that your Administration's initiative to provide our farmers with GEDA loans instead of grants, was clearly inadequate for the task of effectively helping farmers recover from severe


crop damages. Thankfully, it is now understood by your Administration that our farmers require these grants to procure seeds and other farm-related materials to restore their farms to full productivity."

Respicio also noted that in addition to the Agriculture Committee Roundtable, Sen. Ben Pangelinan's Appropriations Committee held a public hearing on Pangelinan's bill to provide \$400,000 in additional funding for the crop damage compensation program. Respicio noted, "Now, since you agreed to exercise your authority to declare such emergencies, and by supporting the work of both Senator Pangelinan's Appropriations Committee and my Agriculture Committee, I am hopeful that the process of providing local farmers with compensation is now moving forward."

A copy of the letter is attached. For more information, contact the Office of Senator Rory J. Respicio at 472-7679. **(PR)**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO.: RFP14-DPL-005

Submission Date: December 27, 2013 Time: 10:00 A.M.

**"SINGLE AUDIT FOR FY 2013 (FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES)
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"**

The complete Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after November 26, 2013 and may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing by email to Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary of Public Lands at pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp or to Ms. Rosalinda J. Ayuyu at rayuyu@dpl.gov.mp or by fax to (670) 234-3755 no later than 4:30 p.m., local time, on December 16, 2013.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio
Secretary of Public Lands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Proc. & Supply

SOLICITATION TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Recently a motion was filed to reopen Civil Case No. CV-01-0031, *DOE I, et al., v. THE GAP, INC., et al.*, which was granted and Timothy H. Bellas, has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands to distribute certain residual funds which were previously held in trust for a contingent liability that never required payment.

Therefore, a residual amount of money exists which, by the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the above entitled case, is to be donated to charity.

As a result, all non-profit organizations, who qualify for charitable status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c), are asked to submit a request for a donation from this Residual Fund. Preference will be given to organizations whose charitable services are available to all members of the CNMI Community.

At a minimum, requests should state: 1) the amount requested; 2) describe what type of charitable activity the organization is involved in and 3) how any funds which may be donated to the organization would be used. Requests from organizations who are not well known as charitable, should also submit evidence of their 501(c) status.

Please send all donation requests to:

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All requests must be in writing and received no later than December 13, 2013 in order to be considered.

The decision to donate and the amount of such donations are entirely discretionary. This solicitation shall create no rights or obligations in or to any third party. However, a proposed list of donations will be submitted to and is subject to the final approval by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Timothy H. Bellas



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ADDENDUM NO. 1

11/25/13

ITB14-GOV-019

REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TINIAN HEALTH CENTER

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bid ("ITB") for the "Repairs, Renovations & Improvements to the Tinian Health Center" has been amended. The specific amendment is to reschedule the pre-bid conference/site visit from 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 6, 2013 to 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670) 664-2375 or by fax at (670) 664-2408.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

Business

Americans not willing to spend without deals

NEW YORK (AP)—This holiday season, Americans may not spend their green unless they see more red.

Despite signs that the economy is improving, big store chains like Wal-Mart and Kohl's don't expect Americans to have much holiday shopping cheer unless they see bold, red signs that offer huge discounts. As a result, shoppers are seeing big sales events earlier and more often than in previous holiday seasons.

Retailers are trying to lure shoppers like Marissa Anwar, who has been doing more bargain hunting compared with last year.

The operations consultant, who lives in Toronto and New York City, said the economy "hasn't been great" and she's lost clients. As a result, she cut her shopping budget to \$2,800 from last year's \$4,000.

"I was a former 'spend-

aholic,'" said Anwar, 29. "Now, I want to make sure I have the money before I spend it."

It's a problem that retailers know all too well. Since the recession began in late 2007, stores have had to offer financially-strapped Americans ever bigger price cuts just to get them into stores. But those discounts eat away at profits.

So far, Wal-Mart, Target and Kohl's are among more than two dozen major chains that lowered their profit outlooks for either the quarter or the year. A big reason is the expectation that they'll have to offer huge discounts in order to get shoppers to spend.

There are already signs that retailers are aggressively discounting. Wal-Mart, for instance, on Friday started matching or beating the prices that certain competitors like Best Buy are advertising for some toys and electronics for the day

after Thanksgiving—known as Black Friday. Best Buy also plans to match rivals' prices, even after customers have purchased items. And Target, better known for its whimsical advertising, is touting its prices in holiday TV ads for the first time in at least a decade.

AP

A shopper carries Macy's bags while crossing an intersection outside Macy's on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, in New York.



Inmates learn tech sector from Silicon Valley pros

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—The budding entrepreneurs wear blue sweat pants labeled "prisoner" and huge, flapping blue shirts. Their doors are triple locked, and lunch is a stale peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Complicating matters, participants in this growing Silicon Valley startup incubator are barred from the Internet.

Nonetheless, the program, launched by successful tech entrepreneurs for inmates north of San Francisco in the decaying San Quentin State Prison, has expanded, and a new session began this month in the gritty, downtown Los Angeles Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

The reason they're growing is simple: Graduates, now trickling out of the penal system, are landing real jobs at real dot-coms.

The rigorous, six-month training teaches carefully selected inmates the ins and outs of designing and launching technology firms, using local experts as volunteer instructors.

"We believe that when incarcerated people are released into the world, they need the tools to function in today's high-tech, wired world," says co-founder Beverly Parenti, who with her husband, Chris Redlitz, has launched thriving companies, including AdAuction, the first online media exchange.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

US gas prices up average of 3 cents a gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—After nine weeks of falling gas prices, the average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline is up 3 cents over the past two weeks. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the price of a gallon of regular is \$3.25. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.44 a gallon, and premium is \$3.59. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said it's the first price hike since Sept. 6. Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, the highest average, \$3.58 a gallon, was found in San Diego. The lowest, \$2.93, was in Tulsa, Okla.

Swiss reject plan to cap managers' pay

BERLIN (AP)—Swiss voters soundly rejected on Sunday a proposal to limit the pay of companies' highest-paid managers to 12 times that of their lowest-paid workers, a plan that business leaders had warned could weaken the prosperous nation's economy. Voters shot down the plan in a referendum by a margin of 65.3 percent to 34.7 percent, and all 26 of the country's cantons (states) voted against. Initiatives need a majority of both voters and cantons to pass. Sunday's referendum came after voters in March voiced anger at perceived corporate greed by deciding to boost shareholders' say on executive pay and ban one-off bonuses known as "golden hellos" and "goodbyes."

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Nation

Secrecy shrouds Sandy Hook shooting investigation

HARTFORD, Conn.

(AP)—A prosecutor is planning to release a report Monday on the investigation into the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, but the public will have to wait longer for the state police's full accounting of the crime.

The decision to continue withholding the bulk of the evidence is stirring new criticism of the secrecy that has surrounded the probe since a gunman killed 20 children and six educators inside the school on Dec. 14.

While the gunman took his own life and authorities are not contemplating any prosecutions, the lead investigator, State's Attorney Stephen Sedensky III, has gone to court to fight the release of 911 tapes, consulted privately with victims' families on what might be included in the report and resisted calls from Connecticut's governor to divulge more information sooner.

In defense of their handling of records, investigators have cited the scale of



AP

In this Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, file photo provided by the Newtown Bee, a police officer leads two women and a child from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where a gunman opened fire, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

the criminal investigation—perhaps the most extensive in Connecticut's history—and consideration for the victims' families, some of whom have lobbied for tighter restrictions on public information and complained of being harassed by conspiracy theorists.

Dan Klau, a Hartford attorney who specializes in First Amendment law, said the decision to release a summary report before the full evidence

file is a reversal of standard practice and one of the most unusual elements of an investigation marked by secrecy.

"What I found troubling about the approach of the state's attorney is that from my perspective, he seems to have forgotten his job is to represent the state of Connecticut," Klau said. "His conduct in many instances has seemed more akin to an attorney in private practice representing Sandy Hook

scheduled departures, and a spokeswoman said deicing equipment had been prepared as officials planned for the worst in a flurry of conference calls and meetings.

"It's certainly going to be a travel impact as we see the first few people making their way for Thanksgiving," National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw said.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for chunks of North Texas from noon Sunday until midday Monday. Parts of Oklahoma are also under a winter storm warning, while an advisory has been issued for other parts of the state. A mix of rain and sleet began falling north of

Dallas on Interstate 35 by midday Sunday, and areas of southwestern Oklahoma woke up to several inches of snow.

Some elevated overpasses had icy surfaces, but Bradshaw said the worst weather could be expected between 3 a.m. and 9 a.m., possibly snarling morning rush hour.

Several inches of snow fell overnight in Altus in far southwestern Oklahoma, said Damaris Machabo, a receptionist at a Holiday Inn motel.

"It looks great. I love the snow," Machabo said. The snow and freezing temperatures made driving in the area treacherous, but Machabo said she had no problems getting to work early Sunday.

ond woman, who appeared to be in her 50s, was pronounced dead at a hospital, said Kelli Bruer, EMSA spokeswoman. Sgt. Dave Walker of the Tulsa Police Department told television station KOTV that the fourth victim was a woman in her 50s. Officials said a fifth person was hospitalized in serious condition.

32 men and women from US named Rhodes scholars

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Rhodes Trust says 32 U.S. men and women have been named Rhodes scholars and will enter Oxford University next October. The winners were selected from 857 applicants endorsed

by 327 different colleges and universities. The scholarships, announced early Sunday, provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the prestigious university in England. Rhodes scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes. The value of the scholarships averages about \$50,000 per year. The American students will join an international group of scholars selected from 14 other jurisdictions around the world. Approximately 80 scholars are selected annually.

Asia

Japan says China's new defense zone unenforceable

TOKYO (AP)—China's new maritime air defense zone unenforceable, a Japanese government spokesman said Monday, in a continuing war of words over waters that include islands claimed by both.

Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told a daily news conference that China's declaration of the sea air defense zone alters the state of affairs in the East China Sea and escalates a tense situation.

"It can invite an unexpected occurrence and it is a very dangerous thing as well," he said.

"The step just announced unjustly interferes with the freedom to fly above the open sea, which is a general principle under the international law," he said. "The measure is not enforceable to our country."

He said Japan had demanded that China withdraw all the steps that would "interfere with the freedom to fly over public sea."

Earlier Monday, China's Foreign Ministry said it has complained to the United

States over its "irresponsible remarks" about China's drawing up of the zone for the disputed islands, which are administered by Japan.

China's Defense Ministry also called Japan's objections to its East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone "absolutely groundless and unacceptable" and said it had made solemn representations to the Japanese Embassy in Beijing.

On Saturday, Beijing issued a map of the zone and a set of rules, which say all aircraft must notify Chinese authorities and are subject to emergency military measures if they do not identify themselves or obey Beijing's orders.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement Sunday that the zone's aim is to defend China's sovereignty and the security of its airspace and land. He said it is not aimed at any country and it does not affect freedom of overflight.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of Defense

Chuck Hagel have both said the U.S. is "deeply concerned" about China's unilateral action.

"This unilateral action constitutes an attempt to change the status quo in the East China Sea," Kerry said in a statement released Saturday. "Escalatory action will only increase tensions in the region and create risks of an incident."

Qin said China made solemn representations Sunday to U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke for the U.S. "to correct its mistakes and stop making irresponsible remarks on China."

Defense Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun said the ministry had complained to the U.S. Embassy's military attache on Sunday evening.

The U.S. doesn't take a position on who has sovereignty over the islands—called Diaoyu in Chinese and Senkaku in Japanese—but recognizes they are under Japanese administration.

A rising economic and military power, China has recently become more assertive over its maritime claims.

Bangkok braces as protesters fan out across city

BANGKOK (AP)—Bangkok braced for major disruptions Monday as a massive anti-government march fanned out to 13 locations in a growing bid to topple the government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

More than two dozen Bangkok schools along the protest route were closed and police tightened security at the protest destinations, which included the military and police headquarters and the five television stations controlled by the military or the government.

Protesters say they want Yingluck to step down amid claims that her government is controlled by her older brother, ousted former leader Thaksin Shinawatra. Monday's rally came a day after about 100,000 people marched in Bangkok, staging the largest rally by Thaksin opponents in years.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban promised Monday's march would be peaceful and law-abiding. But the

escalating movement, which started last month, has raised concerns of renewed violence in Thailand's ongoing political crisis, which has revolved around Thaksin for years.

Many fear that clashes could erupt between the anti-government protesters and Thaksin's supporters, who are staging their own rally at a Bangkok stadium and have vowed to stay put until the opposition calls off its demonstration.

Thaksin's supporters and opponents have battled for power since a 2006 military coup ousted the former prime minister, who was toppled following street protests accusing him of corruption and disrespect for the country's constitutional monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Thaksin has lived in self-imposed exile for the past five years to avoid a prison sentence on a corruption conviction.

The battle for power has sometimes led to bloodshed on Bangkok's streets. Most recent-

ly, about 90 people were killed in 2010 when Thaksin's "Red Shirt" supporters occupied parts of central Bangkok for weeks before the government, led then by the current opposition, sent the military to crack down.

The latest protests have ended two years of relative calm under Yingluck's government.

Yingluck's administration has struggled to contain the demonstrations, which initially started over opposition to a government-backed political amnesty bill that critics said was designed to bring Thaksin home from exile. The Senate rejected the bill earlier this month in a bid to end the protests. But the rallies have gained momentum and leaders have now shifted their target to the more abstract goal of toppling the "Thaksin regime," which is how protesters refer to Yingluck's government.

"Our demonstration will continue until we can get rid of the Thaksin regime," Suthep told the crowd Sunday.

ACROSS THE NATION

4 dead, 1 wounded in north Tulsa shooting

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Four people were killed and a fifth person was hospitalized after being shot in a Tulsa residence, police said Sunday. The victims were shot by a lone gunman at close range Saturday night, police said. The Tulsa World reports that officers are looking for a suspect. Police said a shooting involving multiple victims was reported to authorities about 7 p.m. Investigators said the home had been the scene of several drug arrests. Officers arrived to find two people dead, a man and a woman both between 30 and 40 years old, responders said. A sec-

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indian gays demand an end to discrimination

NEW DELHI (AP)—Gay rights activists sang songs and carried rainbow-colored flags while marching to the beat of traditional Indian drums Sunday, as they paraded through India's capital to demand an end to the stigmatization of gays in the deeply conservative country. The demonstrators urged an end to all forms of discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgenders in India, four years after a colonial-era law that criminal-

ized gay sex was overturned. One group of activists carried a 15-meter (50-foot) rainbow-colored banner, while others waved placards demanding the freedom to lead dignified lives.

Indonesia raises volcano alert level to highest

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian authorities raised the alert status for one of the country's most active volcanoes to the highest level Sunday after the mountain repeatedly sent

hot clouds of gas down its slope following a series of eruptions in recent days. Mount Sinabung in North Sumatra province unleashed fresh volcanic ash and gravel as high as 5,000 meters (16,400 feet) and searing gas down its slope up to 2 kilometers (1.2 miles), said a government volcanologist, Surono, who like many Indonesians uses one name. The 2,600-meter (8,530-foot)-high mountain has sporadically erupted since September after being dormant for three years.

World

Analysis: Iran deal leaves Israel few options

JERUSALEM (AP)—After feverishly trying to derail the international community's nuclear deal with Iran in recent weeks, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu now has little choice but to accept an agreement that he has derided as deeply flawed.

Netanyahu believes the six-month deal leaves Iran's military nuclear capabilities largely intact, while giving Iran relief from painful economic sanctions, undermining negotiations on the next stage. At the same time, Israel's strongest piece of leverage, the threat of a military strike on Iran, seems to be out of the question despite Netanyahu's insistence it would remain on the table.

"Today the world became a much more dangerous place because the most dangerous regime in the world made a sig-

nificant step in obtaining the most dangerous weapons in the world," Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Sunday, calling the deal a "historic mistake."

He said Israel was not bound by the agreement, and reiterated Israel's right to "defend itself by itself," a veiled reference to a possible military strike against Iran.

Netanyahu has spent years warning the world against the dangers of a nuclear-armed Iran, calling it an existential threat due to Iranian references to Israel's destruction, its support of hostile militant groups on Israel's borders and its development of missiles capable of reaching Israel and beyond.

Israel also believes that a nuclear-armed Iran will provide militant groups like Lebanon's Hezbollah an "umbrella" of protection that will embolden



In this Sept. 30, 2013, file photo, President Barack Obama meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington.

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all enriched material should be removed from the Islamic Republic, and called for the demolition of a plutonium reactor under construction.

But after the deal was announced, it was clear that Netanyahu made little headway. While freezing parts of Iran's enrichment capabilities, it will leave others, including the centrifuges that are used for enrichment, intact. The deal relies heavily on Iranian goodwill, a still-to-be-defined system of international inspections and the continued pain of sanctions that remain in place.

Yoel Guzansky, who used to monitor the Iranian nuclear program for Israel's National Security Council, said a deal that would satisfy Israel was unlikely from the outset due to differing "red lines" between Israel and the U.S.

While Israel sees any enrichment as a cause for concern, the U.S. was willing to tolerate nuclear development as long as it was unable to produce weapons, said Guzansky, who is now an analyst at the Institute for National Security Studies, a Tel Aviv think tank.

them to carry out attacks.

As momentum for a deal built the past week, Netanyahu delivered speech after speech and held meeting after meeting, urging the world to seek better terms from Iran. Last week, he hosted French President Francois Hollande, then

rushed off to Moscow for talks with President Vladimir Putin in a last-ditch attempt to alter the agreement.

Netanyahu had said that any deal must ensure that Iran's enriching of uranium—a key step toward making a nuclear bomb—must end. He also said

Egypt's president issues law restricting protests

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's interim president on Sunday banned public gatherings of more than 10 people without prior government approval, imposing hefty fines and prison terms for violators in a bid to stifle the near-constant protests roiling the country.

The new law is more restrictive than regulations used under the rule of autocrat Hosni Mubarak, overthrown in Egypt's 2011 uprising that marked the start of unrest in the country. Rights groups and activists immediately denounced it, saying it aims to stifle opposition, allow repressive police practices and keep security officials largely unaccountable for possible abuses.

"The law is giving a cover to justify repression by all means," said Bahy Eddin Hassan, head of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, one of the local groups that had campaigned against the law.

The military-backed government first floated the law in October. Interim President Adly Mansour approved a slightly amended version Sunday, which removed a proposed ban on sit-ins and a draft portion criminalizing "insulting the state."

The law requires three-day prior notice for protests. It grants security agencies the right to bar any protests or public gatherings, including election-related meetings of

political parties, if they deem it a threat to public safety or order. Protesters can appeal the decision, but the law doesn't force judges to rule ahead of scheduled protests.

The new law also bars gatherings in places of worship, a regular meeting place for all protests in Egypt and one heavily used by Islamist groups. The law also says the police have the right—following warnings—to use force gradually, including the use of water cannons, tear gas and clubs.

Rights groups say the law also gives police unrestricted use of birdshot to put down protests, omitting an article that prohibited the use of force in excess.

Vatican unveils bone fragments said to be Peter's

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican publicly unveiled a handful of bone fragments purportedly belonging to St. Peter on Sunday, reviving the scientific debate and tantalizing mystery over whether the relics found in a shoe box truly belong to the first pope.

The nine pieces of bone sat nestled like rings in a jewel box inside a bronze display case on the side of the altar during a Mass commemorating the end of the Vatican's yearlong celebration of the Christian faith. It was the first time they had ever been exhibited in public.

Pope Francis prayed before the fragments at the start of Sunday's service and then clutched the case in his arms for several minutes after his homily.

No pope has ever definitively declared the fragments to belong to the Apostle Peter, but Pope Paul VI in 1968 said fragments found in the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica were "identified in a way that we can consider convincing."

Some archaeologists dispute the finding.

But last week, a top Vatican official, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, said it almost doesn't matter if archaeologists one day definitively determine that the bones aren't Peter's, saying Christians have prayed at Peter's tomb for two millennia and will continue to, regardless.

"It's not as if pilgrims who go to the altar (of Peter's tomb)



AP

The relics of St. Peter are placed next to the altar prior to the start of a mass celebrated by Pope Francis for the end of the Year of Faith, in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013.

think that in that moment in which they profess their faith that below them are the relics of Peter, or of another or another still," he told reporters. "They go there to profess the faith."

The relics were discovered during excavations begun under St. Peter's Basilica in the years following the 1939 death of Pope Pius XI, who had asked to be buried in the grottoes where dozens of popes are buried, according to the 2012 book by veteran Vatican correspondent Bruno Bartoloni, "The Ears of the Vatican."

During the excavations, archaeologists discovered a funerary monument with a casket built in honor of Peter and an engraving in Greek that read "Petros eni," or "Peter is here."

The scholar of Greek antiquities,

Margherita Guarducci, who had deciphered the engraving continued to investigate and learned that one of the basilica workers had been given the remains found inside the casket and stored them in a shoe box kept in a cupboard. She reported her findings to Paul VI who later proclaimed that there was a "convincing" argument that the bones belonged to Peter.

Top Vatican Jesuits and other archaeologists strongly denied the claim, but had little recourse.

"No Pope had ever permitted an exhaustive study, partly because a 1,000-year-old curse attested by secret and apocalyptic documents, threatened anyone who disturbed the peace of Peter's tomb with the worst possible misfortune," Bartoloni wrote.

Dominicans expel 244 Haitians over border killings

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—The Dominican Republic expelled at least 244 Haitians after an elderly Dominican couple was slain in an apparent burglary near the border between the two countries and a mob retaliated by killing a Haitian man, two migrant advocates said Sunday.

The Rev. Antoine Lissaint of Haiti's Jesuit Refugee and Migrant Organization told The Associated Press that a group of Dominicans killed the man because they blamed people of Haitian descent for the fatal stabbing of the couple.

Dominican police issued a statement saying Jose Mendez Diaz and Luja Encarnacion Diaz, both 70, were killed during an apparent home burglary in which the killers got away with two sacks of coffee. Detectives found a knife and

stick at the scene.

There was no comment from the Dominican government.

A group of Haitians who had been living in the southwestern Dominican town of Neiba the past several years sought refuge at a police station because they feared further reprisals, Lissaint said. Police handed the group over to soldiers who drove them to the border and expelled them to Haiti on Saturday.

Migrant advocates said some of the people sent out of the Dominican Republic were eager to leave because they feared there would be more mob violence.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic have a long history of acrimony as neighbors on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. But relations between the two have worsened since a Dominican court decision in September threatened to revoke citizenship

for residents of the Dominican Republic of Haitian descent.

Jean-Baptiste Azolin, deputy coordinator for the Support Group for Repatriates and Refugees, said not all the people who were repatriated were picked up at the police station.

"Some of them were caught in the streets, with their children, and were sent to Haiti—like that, without anything," Azolin said.

Workers for the Haitian government's National Office of Migration greeted the expelled Haitians and others of Haitian descent, many of them mothers with their children, including a 3-day-old boy. They were taken to a shelter north of the capital, Port-au-Prince, where they received food. They were also each given the equivalent of \$22 to help them return to their former Haitian towns.

Overdrive

2014 Jeep Cherokee climbs to top of off-road heap

By MARK PHELAN
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It's a real Jeep, but the eagerly awaited, but delayed 2014 Jeep Cherokee is more than that.

This is the first validation of Chrysler's theory that an architecture Fiat developed for compact European cars can be adapted to create rugged SUVs, midsize vehicles and crossovers for American buyers.

I spent a recent afternoon driving the Cherokee on a daunting off-road course at Chrysler Proving Grounds and through picturesque southeast Michigan farm country.

It's a real Jeep, with the off-road ability the brand's devotees demand. The Cherokee fords deep water, sneers at glutinous mud pits and scales treacherous slopes. A legitimate off-roader, it can literally leave ostensible competitors like the Chevrolet Equinox, Ford Escape, Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4 in its tracks.

The Cherokee has serious off-road capability that will take owners into the wilderness where faux SUVs fear to tread. The new Cherokee is potentially a breakthrough for the brand because it also offers high miles per gallon and modern styling to cash in on booming sales of small and midsize crossover utility vehicles.

With the recent focus on its delayed shipment as engineers fine-tuned Cherokee's drivetrain, it was easy to lose track of the big questions:

■ Does Chrysler-Fiat have what it takes to develop first-rate midsize vehicles?

■ Does the company's Italian and American management understand what makes Jeep, the most American of SUVs, special?

My day driving several Cherokees with Chrysler executives and engineers suggests the answer to both questions is "yes."



(JEEP/MCT)

The 2014 Jeep Cherokee has serious off-road ability in some trims, but Jeep will also offer front-wheel-drive and four-cylinder Cherokees for less adventurous owners.

None of the competing compact crossovers could have negotiated the Lyman Trail, a tortuous off-road course at the company's Chelsea proving ground.

The Cherokee Trailhawk I drove there had a 56:1 crawl ratio, nine-speed automatic transmission, locking differential and a 3.2-liter V-6 engine for off-road durability competitors can't match.

Jeep will also offer front-wheel-drive and four-cylinder

Cherokees for owners who like the look, height and ride of an SUV, but don't need serious off-road ability.

The Cherokee is the first of several midsize vehicles that will use Chrysler-Fiat's CUSW architecture. CUSW is a significantly modified version of the underpinnings of Fiat's compact cars in Europe. It also is the foundation of Dodge Dart, but that compact sedan didn't test Chrysler-Fiat's ability to stretch CUSW's size and capability

like the Cherokee does.

A replacement for the Chrysler 200 sedan will probably be the next CUSW vehicle. It should debut early next year.

Chrysler expects to sell Cherokees in 120 countries, starting with European sales in the first quarter of 2014.

Chrysler will add a diesel engine and manual transmission for Cherokees outside North America. I wouldn't be surprised if we get the diesel in a year or two, but don't hold your

breath for a manual. Chrysler spent a lot of time and effort working with supplier ZF on the nine-speed automatic. It's the Cherokee's mainstay.

The SUV's styling combines traditional Jeep elements—a seven-slot grille, trapezoidal wheel openings—with a sleek and aerodynamic shape. The look has been controversial; particularly the unusual front design that features LED running lights near the top of the front fenders, projector head-

lights near the bumper and fog lights close to the ground.

It's a unique arrangement that makes the Cherokee instantly recognizable, even at night. If it works as well as the Cherokee's off-road systems do, Jeep loyalists may forget they ever questioned the design, or anything else about the new Cherokee.

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Motoring Q&A: Pickup owner sludges his way to some costly repairs

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: My son purchased new a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado with a 5.3-liter engine. He's always used synthetic oil and changed it when the oil life minder indicates. Recently while on a road trip the oil pressure dropped to about 10 psi and the low oil pressure light and stop engine warning came on. He checked the oil level, which was OK. He restarted and the oil pressure was fine. He drove about another 10-

15 miles and the oil pressure dropped again by 15 psi and the "service engine" light came on. He reduced speed and drove to the nearest Chevy dealer. They diagnosed a faulty oil pressure sensor and replaced it at a cost of \$463.

Two months and 1,800 miles later, the "service engine" light came on. The oil pressure gauge read a normal 40 psi. The Chevy dealer where he purchased the truck found the oil pressure read by a scan tool was lower than that measured with a mechanical gauge at the filter. They

determined the screen next to the sensor was clogged with sludge. They replaced it and flushed the engine for \$483. Did the first dealer screw up by not checking and replacing the screen? Is sludge unavoidable with just a 3-mile commute to work, even with synthetic oil? The truck had 49,000 miles when these problems occurred. Would more frequent change intervals help? Or should he plan on doing a flush every 25,000 miles?

ANSWER: Sludge build-up inside an engine occurs when moisture in the air inside the

engine condenses during a cold start and contaminates the oil with water. Combined with fuel contamination and oil oxidation over time during normal use, this can form a "glop-like" sludge that can block or restrict oil passages, screens and filters, causing a loss of oil pressure. Under normal driving with the engine fully warmed up, the moisture evaporates and is drawn out through the PCV system and burned. Short trips after a cold start may not allow the engine to reach fully operating temperature long enough to eliminate all this contamination.

So, while the oil life monitor system may not call for oil changes for 10,000 miles or more, in this case more frequent changes would remove much if not all of the contamination before it has a chance to jell into "glop."

Should the first dealer have caught this? Based on your son describing the repeat scenario of dropping oil pressure, the pressure sending unit is suspect but it might have been wise for them to replace the valve lifter oil filter screen, mounted just below the sensor, at the same time.

More frequent oil changes

should prevent additional sludge build-up. According to TSB 04-06-01-029G, GM does not endorse any type of engine flushing.

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In Celebration of His New Life

†Jose Carlos Pangelinan Tenorio

Fondly known as "Ping"

November 4, 1928 – November 21, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: † Blas Pangelinan and +Guadalupe Pangelinan Tenorio

Father/Mother in-law: † Jesus Diaz and +Maria Sablan Deleon Guerrero

Children: † Dorothy T. Billy, +Dolores C. Tenorio and
†Joseph DLG. Tenorio

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Amparo Deleon Guerrero Tenorio

Children: Barbara A. Yamada (Louisa Y./Wilfredo Garon and Children,
Herbert Yamada Jr. and Children, Clarissa Tenorio/Gordon Blailes
and Children, Jose Tenorio and Son.)

Manuela A. and Juan L. Babauta (Daniel Quitugua/Leticia Carbonel,
Virginia Quitugua and Son, Jennifer Q. Camacho and Children,
Amparo Q./Christopher M. Camacho and Children, John Babauta)

Marian Aldan-Pierce and Richard A. Pierce (Janelle V./Lorenzo V. Deleon Guerrero, Jr.
and Children), Jadene Villagomez/John P. Deleon Guerrero and Children,
Richard Connelley Pierce/Hildi Flores, Rebecca Pierce/Nicholas Martindale).

Francisco DLG. Aldan and Ursula Lifoifoi-Aldan (Plumeria A./Kolani Castro and Children, Skye Aldan, Oceana Aldan, Sunny Aldan)

†Dorothy T. Billy and Billy A. Billy (Geraldine T. Billy and Son, Leif Simeon Rudolf)

Pia DLG. Aldan (Kim Evan A. Taisacan, Isidro A. Taisacan, Jr.)

Messalina DLG. Aldan and Ramon A Tebuteb (Redie A./Anthony Dela Cruz and Children, Joseph Mizutani/Donella Somol and Children, GrinaLee Mizutani
and Children, Francisco Mizutani/Ernesta Duenas and Children, Reyzor Tebuteb, Reyna Tebuteb and Child, Kimo Mizutani).

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Jesse DLG./Alana C. Tenorio (Joshua Tenorio)

Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:

Merced T./†Dionicio Torres, †Dolores T. /†Roman Benavente, Cecilia T./†Marcelino Camacho,
Pedro P./Sophia P. Tenorio, Susana T./†Jesus Mafnas, Juan P./Rita V. Tenorio, Ramona T./Jesus Attao.

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†Jesus S./Victoria A Deleon Guerrero, Magdalena DLG./Juan D. Castro.

Caregiver: Ruben Gamayo

Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. On Friday, November 29, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.,
our beloved's remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last
respects. Responso and viewing will be from 8:00am – 10:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed at 11:00am followed immediately by Interment at Chalan Kanoa
Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Amparo DLG. Tenorio and Family



Life & Style

Taylor Swift wins AMA artist of the year

Taylor Swift's fans have done it again, voting her the American Music Awards artist of the year for a third time.

Swift won Sunday night's top honor, giving her a leading four trophies as fans celebrated the women of pop music.

Swift didn't perform, but she was a constant presence on stage and the camera alighted on her as she danced to stars like Kendrick Lamar and Luke Bryan. Her win came after Katy Perry dazzled with her show-opening performance, Lady Gaga found another inventive way to grab your attention, Rihanna starred with her mother and Miley Cyrus closed performances with the assistance of a giant lip-syncing CGI kitty on her song "Wrecking Ball."

"I'm really out of breath," Swift said after taking the stage in a sequined mini-dress. "I was really going hard with the 'Wrecking Ball' thing."

The 23-year-old pop star also won country album of the year for "Red" and favorite female country and pop/rock artist.

"'Red' is very different than any album I've made before and the reason I was able to do that was because of the fans," Swift said. "I cannot believe what you've done in the last year. This album came out almost exactly a year ago and the fact that 6 million of you went out and bought it is crazy."

Justin Timberlake was next with three wins. One Direction and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis won two awards and Rihanna was given the AMA's first Icon Award to go with her win as favorite soul/R&B female artist.

Rihanna and her mother took



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"Just about 20 years ago is when I really started making your life a living hell with my annoying little husky man voice, you would call it," Rihanna said. "And I mean just disrupting the entire neighborhood. Westbury Road, Barbados, they could tell you that's the truth. I annoyed every one of my neighbors."

She performed "Diamonds" with an orchestra and took favorite soul/R&B female artist. Timberlake won soul/R&B album, soul/R&B male artist and pop/rock male artist.

Nickelodeon star Ariana Grande was named favorite new artist, Florida Georgia Line won single of the year for "Cruise" with Nelly in something of a surprise, Luke Bryan won favorite male country artist, and favorite rap/hip-hop act Macklemore & Ryan Lewis used their rap/hip-hop album acceptance speech to send a message of tolerance.

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Winners from Sunday's American Music Awards

Winners of the 2013 American Music Awards, presented Sunday at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles:

- Artist of the year: Taylor Swift
- New artist of the year: Ariana Grande
- Single of the year: "Cruise," Florida Georgia Line featuring Nelly
- Pop/rock female artist: Taylor Swift
- Pop/rock male artist: Justin Timberlake
- Pop/rock band, duo or group: One Direction
- Pop/rock album: "Take Me Home," One Direction
- Country female artist: Taylor Swift
- Country male artist: Luke Bryan
- Country band, duo or group: Lady Antebellum
- Country album: "Red," Taylor Swift
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- Rap/hip-hop album: "The Heist," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- Soul/R&B female artist: Rihanna
- Soul/R&B male artist: Justin Timberlake
- Soul/R&B album: "The 20/20 Experience," Justin Timberlake
- Alternative rock artist: Imagine Dragons
- Latin artist: Marc Anthony
- Adult Contemporary: Maroon 5
- Electronic dance music artist: Avicii

Rihanna honored with AMA's Icon Award

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One Direction was at times drowned out by screams during an understated performance of "Story of My Life." The decibel level was that way from the moment the British boy band arrived on the carpet, all smiles and dapper suits. Harry Styles stopped to take a picture with three fans.

Timberlake strapped on an acoustic guitar and played a soulfully raucous version of "Drink You Away." Macklemore crowd surfed on "Can't Hold Us." Jennifer Lopez absolutely nailed the elaborate dance numbers during her tribute to Salsa queen Celia Cruz, taking two dozen dancers through their paces while wearing a shimmering silver dress.

She winked at the crowd as she finished the number, the dancers sprawled around her on the floor.

'Catching Fire' scorches with \$161.1M opening

NEW YORK (AP)—Moviegoers satiated their appetite for the "Hunger Games" franchise by making the sequel "Catching Fire" one of the year's biggest hits.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" opened with \$161.1 million at the domestic weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It became the biggest November debut ever, as well as Lionsgate's most lucrative opening.

The result fell short of some expectations and failed to dethrone the year's biggest box-office opening, "Iron Man 3" with \$174 million. But the film opened massively worldwide, taking in a total

of \$307.7 million.

The marketplace largely ceded the weekend to "Catching Fire." The only other new wide release was Disney's Vince Vaughn comedy "Delivery Man," which sputtered to an \$8.2 million opening.

The box-office performance for "Catching Fire" establishes "Hunger Games," starring Jennifer Lawrence as the archer heroine of Suzanne Collins' young adult series, as among the elite franchises in movies. The budget nearly doubled from the original and Francis Lawrence took over directing duties from Gary Ross. "Catching Fire" received better reviews and drew



This image released by Lionsgate shows Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark, from left, Elizabeth Banks as Effie Trinket and Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen in a scene from "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

a broader audience.

"When the first film was released, there was this idea that it was going to appeal largely to young girls," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "But over time, it's skewing back toward male audiences. There's actually a lot of action, there's violence in the movie. It's crossing over to a much broader base."

The domestic opening for "Catching Fire" is the fourth best ever, following "The Avengers" (\$207 million), "Iron Man 3" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II" (\$169 million).

Record keeping, though, has become more complicated in recent years at the box office. Higher-priced 3-D or IMAX screenings can boost revenue, as can early screenings. "Catching Fire," which earned 8 percent of its gross from IMAX showings, counted \$25 million

from Thursday night screenings among its weekend total.

The original "Hunger Games" earned \$152.5 million in its opening weekend in March 2012, but didn't debut until midnight screenings Thursday.

"It's really become a phenomenon," said David Spitz, head of distribution for Lionsgate. "We've established now a better opening than the first, and now we're entering into the Thanksgiving and Christmas period, which is very, very lucrative."

After two weeks atop the box office, "Thor: The Dark World," released by Disney, slid to second with \$14.1 million. After an impressive opening, the romantic comedy "The Best Man Holiday" added \$12.5 million for a two-week total of \$50.4 million.

Overseas, the critical and box-office hit "Gravity" from Warner Bros. opened big in China. The Sandra Bullock space adventure added \$46.6 million to its international total in its eighth week of release. Its cumulative haul is up to \$577 million.

Daughter says Mick Jagger to be great-grandfather

LONDON (AP)—Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger is set to become a great-grandfather early next year.

His daughter Jade told The Sunday Times that her 21-year-old daughter, Assisi, expects to give birth in several months.

She tells the newspaper she does not expect Jagger to slow down now that he's set to become a great-grandfather. The ever-popular Stones plan to tour Australia next year.

Assisi tells Hello! magazine that Jagger was pleased when she told him the news.

She tells the magazine, "He said, 'Well done.'"

She says, "I imagine it's nice to be a great-granddad, although I'm not sure he likes the idea of getting old, or being called one. I call him Mick - I wouldn't start calling him grandpa."

Meeting 'good guy' online requires serious search

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: May I address a question you printed on July 24? "Where Are the Good Guys?" has trouble meeting men and wrote about seeking sexual partners on Craigslist. You answered that there were no good men there.

Well, I met my boyfriend of two years through a "no strings attached" ad I posted on Craigslist. It turns out we had a strong attraction and chemistry, and he's one of

my best friends. So what if we were adults who wanted a casual relationship to start with? Don't judge everyone that way.

The reason that woman is having problems is she's using the site to find sex partners when she really wants more. She needs to look in the "relationship" section or on a relationship site. Don't blame men for wanting to have sex when that's what she's advertising. They aren't all "bad." They are actually more truthful than she is.

HAPPILY COUPLED IN OMAHA

DEAR HAPPILY COUPLED: I heard from many readers who described successful relationships that started online. I did not mean to imply that there are no good men on Craigslist. My concern was the writer was looking for a meaningful, lasting relationship in a category where people look for casual sex. Others identified with "W.A.T.G.G.'s" problem and were quick to offer their views:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a female, 59, and like the woman in that letter, also not considered beautiful. But I do have two very good men friends in my life, and I met them both online.

There ARE men of quality out there. You just have to be careful and read between the lines. Abby, online personals are the new "bar scene."

DONNA IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: While I agree with you that she should talk to a psychologist about her low self-esteem, it IS possible to find a true partner online IF you are dedicated and serious. I subscribed to a dating service 3 1/2 years ago and met a wonderful woman on the site. We are married now and expecting our first baby.

HAPPY HUSBAND IN MIAMI

DEAR ABBY: "Where Are the Good Guys?" says she's "not beautiful by any means," and that means meeting good guys won't happen. That is SO not the case!

I was a homecoming queen and have always been attractive, but many of the men I dated married plainer women because they were looking for wife-and-mother types and not a high-maintenance beauty queen. You don't meet the "right" men because of your looks; you meet them in the right PLACES where you have common interests—church, volunteer work and all the other places that Dear Abby keeps telling folks about!

RUTH IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: When I was younger, I had problems with low self-esteem and also engaged in a series of meaningless relationships. From past experience, I strongly encourage this lady to have herself checked for STDs if she had unprotected sex with any of these men. Making sure you protect your health is a major step in learning to love and care for yourself. Also, when Mr. Right does come along, she won't have to worry about her health status hanging over her head.

HAVE REALLY BEEN THERE IN DENVER

DEAR ABBY: I'm a "good guy," and there are many other guys like me. If she would put in the time and effort to talk to one of us, get to know us, she will find what she's looking for. I am so sick of women saying they want a nice guy and then running in the opposite direction. Her words say one thing, but her actions say something else.

OUT HERE WAITING IN CLEVELAND

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Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," \$161.1 million (\$146.6 million international).
2. "Thor: The Dark World," \$14.1 million (\$24.8 million international).
3. "The Best Man Holiday," \$12.5 million.
4. "Delivery Man," \$8.2 million (\$1.2 million international).
5. "Free Birds," \$5.3 million (\$575,000 international).
6. "Last Vegas," \$4.4 million (\$2.4 million international).
7. "Bad Grandpa," \$3.5 million (\$2.4 million international).
8. "Gravity," \$3.3 million (\$46.6 million international).
9. "12 Years a Slave," \$2.8 million.

10. "Dallas Buyers Club," \$2.8 million.

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5. "Captain Phillips," \$6.8 million.
6. "The Counselor," \$5.4 million.
7. "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2," \$5 million.
8. "Friends 2," \$4 million.
- (tie) "Me, Myself and Mum," \$4 million.
10. "Sole A Catinelle," \$3.2 million.

MTV series focuses on lives of sperm donor kids

NEW YORK (AP)—Breeanna Speicher's curiosity about her background led her to a family she never knew she had and inspired a new MTV series that stretches the very concept of family.

The 18-year-old college student from Reno, Nev., is the daughter of two women who conceived her with a sperm donation. She's the central figure in "Generation Cryo," which follows her effort to discover half siblings through a registry and, ultimately, track down the donor who gave her life. The first of six episodes debuts Monday at 10 p.m. EST.

The first recorded artificial insemination came in the 1800s to a woman who didn't know she was getting it, said Wendy Kramer, founder and director of the Donor Sibling Registry. Doctors performed the procedure in the middle of the last century, but it was mostly kept quiet before the practice became much more widespread with the opening of sperm banks in the 1980s, she said.

That means enough "donor babies" are coming of age now



This Nov. 17, 2013 file photo shows Vince Vaughn at a screening of "Delivery Man" hosted by The Cinema Society and DreamWorks Pictures in New York.

to prompt public interest in their experiences, evident in both "Generation Cryo" and the new Vince Vaughn movie "Delivery Man," about a donor who discovers he's responsible for more than 500 kids.

Kramer said she tried for eight years to get a television network interested in a story drawn from her registry of people trying to connect with other donor families before MTV showed interest.

"We know that our audience is interested in stories relating to family, and this is definitely a unique and fresh take that really makes you think about what a family is," said Marshall Eisen, series executive producer.

Kramer admitted to some trepidation—"We didn't want to make a reality show, 'Donor Kids Gone Bad,'" she said—but is pleased with how it turned out.

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Henry, Gasol lead Lakers past Kings, 100-86

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reserve forward Xavier Henry scored 12 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, Pau Gasol had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings 100-86 Sunday night.

Steve Blake finished with 12 assists, nine points and five rebounds. Blake, who has started all 14 games for the Lakers at point guard in place of the injured Steve Nash, has recorded double digits in assists in each of the last five.

The Lakers, back at .500 following their third straight victory, began a stretch of four consecutive games against teams with losing records (Washington, Brooklyn and Detroit).

Greivis Vasquez led Sacramento with 20 points and DeMarcus Cousins added 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Reserve guard Isaiah Thomas finished with nine points in 30 minutes and was 4 for 11 from the field, ending his string of double-digit games at 12 - the longest season-opening streak by any Kings player off the bench since the franchise relocated from Kansas City after the 1984-85 campaign.

The Kings played at Staples Center for the second straight day after erasing a 20-point deficit against the Clippers and losing 103-102. They spotted the Lakers a 13-point lead in the second quarter before cutting the deficit to 55-52 with consecutive dunks by Cousins and No.1 draft pick Ben McLemore 42 seconds apart early in the third.

But the Lakers maintained the lead the rest of the way, breaking it open with a 13-5 run that put them up 86-69 with 6:57 to play.

Vasquez connected on his first six shots, four of them during a 1:37 span, but Los Angeles still led 29-24 after one quarter against a team that came in averaging the fewest first-quarter points in the league (22.6).

Lakers forward Wesley Johnson turned in perhaps the defensive play of the game less than 4 1/2 minutes in when he hustled up court and executed a spectacular chase-down block of Luc Mbah a Moute's fast-break layup - the kind of play that LeBron James patented.

The Kings are 3-4 since rookie head coach Michael Malone inserted McLemore and Jason Thompson into the starting lineup in place of shooting guard Marcus Thornton and forward Patrick Patterson, following the team's 1-5 start without the injured Carl Landry. Landry is expected to be sidelined three to four months because of torn flexor muscle in his left hip, which required surgery on Oct. 15.

Pistons 109, Nets 97

In New York, they are the NBA's most expensive team, filled with



Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol, right, of Spain, puts up a shot as Sacramento Kings guard Greivis Vasquez, of Venezuela, defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013, in Los Angeles.

All-Stars and the belief they can contend for a championship.

Here's what else the Brooklyn Nets are at the moment: a last-place disappointment.

"Tough times right now," forward Kevin Garnett said.

They got tougher Sunday, when reserve Rodney Stuckey scored a season-high 27 points in the Detroit Pistons' 109-97 victory that sent the Nets to a fifth straight loss and sole possession of the Atlantic Division basement.

The Nets, with their enormous payroll and enormous expectations, fell to 3-10, a half-game behind the New York Knicks, and were hearing boos at Barclays Center in the second half.

"The ball's just bouncing the opponent's way right now and we've just got to stay together," coach Jason Kidd said.

Greg Monroe had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons, who bounced back from consecutive losses to Atlanta. Brandon Jennings added 14 points and 10 assists, making all 10 free throws to make up for a 2-for-10 shooting performance.

"Road wins are hard to get and any time you get a road win it's huge," Pistons coach Maurice Cheeks said.

Joe Johnson made eight 3-pointers and scored a season-high 34 points, but the short-handed Nets couldn't overcome another cold night from Paul Pierce and Garnett, who were a combined 7 for 22.

Pierce finished with 19 points, but was 5 of 13 after making his last two when the game was long since decided. Garnett shot 2 of 9 for four points.

The Nets again played without starters Brook Lopez and

Deron Williams, who have sprained left ankles, and top reserves Andrei Kirilenko (back spasms) and Jason Terry (bruised left knee).

"It's tough when look at the record, 3-10, 3-11, whatever our record is, and know we've dug ourselves quite a big hole, no matter if we've got the injuries or not," Pierce said. "We still feel like we're talented enough to win these type of games."

Suns 104, Magic 96

In Orlando, Goran Dragic scored 23 points and Gerald Green added 20 to lead the Phoenix Suns to a 104-96 victory over the Orlando Magic on Sunday night.

Two days after stopping a four-game losing streak at Charlotte, the Suns took the lead early in the first quarter and never

relinquished it.

Orlando trimmed what had been a 14-point deficit to three late in the fourth quarter. However, Channing Frye made a difficult jumper and Dragic scored the game's next seven points to put it away.

Dragic made 10 of 17 shots and also had 13 assists. Frye finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

Nikola Vucevic led Orlando with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Reserve Andrew Nicholson had 19 and Aaron Afflalo added 16 for the Magic, who have lost four straight games and seven of eight overall.

Phoenix played for the fourth straight game without leading scorer Eric Bledsoe, who's still bothered by a bruised left shin.

Green filled in, scoring 15 of his 20 points in the first two

quarters to help the Suns build a 53-44 halftime lead. Reserves Marcus and Markieff Morris also had big nights, combining for 28 points and 13 rebounds.

Clippers 121, Bulls 82

In Los Angeles, Jared Dudley scored a season-high 21 points, Chris Paul added 16 points and 17 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers jumped all over the Chicago Bulls in Derrick Rose's absence for a 121-82 victory Sunday.

J.J. Redick scored 19 points and Blake Griffin had 15 points and 12 rebounds in the Pacific Division-leading Clippers' seventh win in nine games.

Los Angeles finished strong in a stretch of four games in five days, posting the biggest margin of victory over Chicago in franchise history.

Luol Deng scored 22 points as the Bulls got off to a rough start to their latest stretch without Rose, who tore cartilage in his right knee Friday night in Portland.

The 2011 NBA MVP headed home to Chicago to prepare for surgery on Monday, when Chicago should find out how long he'll be sidelined.

Kirk Hinrich had nine points and seven assists while starting in place of Rose, who missed last season while recovering from surgery on his left knee. Rose played in just 10 games before getting hurt again, but the Bulls are hoping he won't be out as long this time.

Carlos Boozer and Mike Dunleavy scored 14 points apiece for Chicago.

Thunder 95, Jazz 73

In Oklahoma City, the Thunder are having no problem adjusting to the occasional game without All-Star Russell Westbrook.

The Thunder cruised to a 95-73 win over struggling Utah on Sunday night while their star point guard took the night off to rest his surgically repaired right knee.

They did so behind 19 points from Kevin Durant, as well as a 17-point, 11-rebound effort from Serge Ibaka - stretching their lead to as many as 37 points in the third quarter before finishing the game out with reserves.

"We just wanted to play our game," Durant said. "No matter who's on the floor, we want to execute a game plan on both ends."

Durant sat out the fourth quarter for Oklahoma City (9-3), which won its fifth straight overall and sixth straight at home to open the season, its best opening stretch since moving from Seattle.

Westbrook missed his first action since sitting for the season's opening two games while recovering from the second of two offseason knee surgeries. He's expected back when the Thunder host Western Conference leader San Antonio on Wednesday.

All-Star Peralta, Cardinals reach 4-year deal



ST. LOUIS (AP)—Free agent shortstop Jhonny

Peralta and the St. Louis Cardinals have agreed on a four-year contract, giving the All-Star a fresh start after his Biogenesis drug suspension last summer.

The Cardinals filled a need by getting a top-hitting shortstop a month after losing the World Series in six games to Boston. Pete Kozma and Daniel Descalso, while generally good fielders, are light hitters.

The deal was expected to be worth more than \$50 million.

"We are pleased to announce that Jhonny has agreed to terms and I know he is equally excited to be joining the Cardinals," general manager John Mozeliak said in a statement. "Jhonny is

among the game's top offensive shortstops, he's a steady defender and he has experience playing for a contender. He gives us proven veteran experience and brings balance and versatility to our everyday lineup."

But the move drew a different reaction from a couple other big leaguers.

"It pays to cheat... Thanks, owners, for encouraging PED use," Arizona pitcher Brad Ziegler tweeted.

"Apparently getting suspended for PED's means you get a raise. What's stopping anyone from doing it? (hashtag) weneedtomakeachange," free agent pitcher David Aardsma tweeted.

The 31-year-old Peralta was suspended 50 games last season as a result of Major League

Baseball's investigation in the Biogenesis case involving performance-enhancing drugs. He returned to the Detroit Tigers in late September and played in the postseason, both in left field and at shortstop.

Shortly before Peralta was penalized, the Tigers acquired young shortstop Jose Iglesias from Boston in a three-team trade.

Peralta hit .303 with 11 home runs and 55 RBIs in 107 games during the regular season, then batted .333 with one homer, four doubles and six RBIs in 10 playoff games.

The two-time All-Star is a career .268 hitter with 156 homers and 698 RBIs in 11 seasons with Cleveland and Detroit.

The NL champion Cardinals have been busy since the season

ended. A few days ago, they sent third baseman David Freese, a hometown product and the 2011 World Series MVP, to the Los Angeles Angels for outfielder Peter Bourjos in a four-player trade.

The Cardinals cut about \$45 million off last season's payroll, and wanted to plug a hole at shortstop. St. Louis lost All-Star Rafael Furcal in spring training for the whole year because of elbow surgery.

Detroit did not extend a qualifying offer to Peralta, meaning there would be no compensation draft pick involved in his move from the AL Central champions to the NL Central winners.

Earlier this offseason, the Tigers traded first baseman Prince Fielder to Texas for second baseman Ian Kinsler in a swap of All-Stars with rich contracts.

Gostkowski FG gives Pats OT win over Broncos

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 31-yard field goal for New England after a misplayed punt return by Denver, lifting the Patriots to a 34-31 overtime victory over the Broncos on Sunday night.

Denver's Tony Carter ran into Ryan Allen's punt after it landed and Nate Ebner recovered for New England at the Broncos 13-yard line. After Tom Brady ran twice to line up the kick, Gostkowski connected for his 21st successful field goal attempt.

Brady threw for three touchdowns to lead the Patriots (8-3) back from a 24-0 halftime deficit to a 31-24 lead as New England scored on its first five possessions of the second half. Then Peyton Manning threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Demaryius Thomas for the Broncos (9-2), tying it at 31.

The Patriots fumbled on their first three possessions to spot Denver a 24-point halftime lead before scoring 31 points in a row, taking the lead when Tom Brady hit Julian Edelman for a TD early in the fourth. Stephen Gostkowski's 31-yard field goal made it 31-24 midway through the fourth.

But Manning, who had thrown for only 73 yards in the first 3 1/2 quarters, led the Broncos on an 80-yard drive. Twice the Broncos were rescued by penalties: First when a defensive holding penalty negated an interception, and again when a pass interference on third-and-7 from the Patriots 17 gave Denver a first down.

On the next play, Manning lobbed one to Thomas in the left corner of the end zone to tie it.

Brady led the Patriots to three straight touchdowns in the third quarter to cut Denver's lead to 24-21 heading into the fourth. He was 21 for 26 for 228 yards and three TDs in the second half of the much-heralded matchup with Manning that was dominated by turnovers early on.

Brady led New England 80 yards for a touchdown to open the second half, thanks to a 33-yard completion to Rob Gronkowski and a 5-yard scoring pass to Edelman. Montee Ball coughed it up on Denver's next possession, and six plays later Brandon Bolden ran it in from the 1 to make it a 10-point game.

Chargers 41, Chiefs 38

In Kansas City, Philip Rivers threw for 392 yards and three touchdowns, the final one a 26-yarder to Seyi Ajirotutu with 24 seconds remaining to give the San Diego Chargers a 41-38 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday and end a three-game losing streak.

The Chiefs had taken the lead when Alex Smith hit



New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman (11) scores a touchdown against Denver Broncos strong safety Mike Adams (20) and defensive end Shaun Phillips (90) in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013, in Foxborough, Mass.

Dwayne Bowe for a go-ahead score with 1:22 left. But the Chargers (5-6) still had two timeouts, and they used both as they quickly move downfield. Ajirotutu's TD in tight coverage was just his third catch of the season.

It also represented the eighth and final lead change in the game.

Smith threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns for the Chiefs, who dropped their second straight after a 9-0 start. They also lost top pass rushers Tamba Hali and Justin Houston to injuries and now have to turn their attention to the Denver Broncos next week.

Packers 26, Vikings 26

In Greenbay, Backup quarterback Matt Flynn threw for 218 yards to help the Packers storm back from a 16-point deficit, but Minnesota and Green Bay could only muster field goals in overtime.

Mason Crosby hit from 20 yards at 10:28 of the extra period and Blair Walsh connected from 35 with 3:54 left.

Greg Jennings, playing his first game at Lambeau Field as a member of the Vikings (3-8-1), dropped a third-down pass with 2:11 left. The Packers (5-5-1) also stumbled on their next possession.

One last chance for the Vikings went nowhere with 1 second left, and the teams walked off with the first tie in the NFL since the Rams and 49ers ended 24-24 on Nov. 11, 2012. It was the first game under the tie-breaking rules instituted in 2012 that ended in a tie after both teams kicked field goals to be-

gin the extra period.

Cowboys 24, Giants 21

In East Rutherford, Tony Romo threw two touchdowns and led a drive that set up Dan Bailey's 35-yard field goal on the final play. Dallas ended the Giants' four-game winning streak and most of their playoff hopes.

The victory moved the Cowboys (6-5) into a first-place tie with idle Philadelphia in the NFC East and left the Giants (4-7) wondering about what they gave away in two losses to Dallas.

Romo hit two crucial third-down passes on the 14-play drive that covered the final 4:45 after New York tied the game on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning to Louis Murphy Jr. and a 2-point conversion run by Andre Brown.

Buccaneers 24, Lions 21

In Detroit, Matthew Stafford's fourth interception went in and out of Calvin Johnson's hands to rookie Johnthan Banks inside the Tampa Bay 5 in the final minute, allowing the Buccaneers to hold on. Tampa Bay (3-8) has won three straight after losing its first eight, joining the 1978 St. Louis Cardinals as the only team to do that.

Tampa Bay rookie Mike Glennon, meanwhile, avoided mistakes. Glennon was 14 of 21 for 247 yards and threw two touchdowns to Tiquan Underwood, whose second score was an 85-yard reception early in the fourth quarter.

The Lions (6-5) have lost two straight for the first time this season. They can blame five turnovers for throwing away a

chance to improve their playoff positioning because no one in the NFC North won Sunday.

Panthers 20, Dolphins 16

In Miami Gardens, make it seven wins in a row for the Carolina Panthers, and two consecutive late comebacks led by Cam Newton.

The Panthers quarterback converted a fourth-and-10 at his 20 with a completion to keep alive the winning drive, and Carolina went on to score a touchdown with 43 seconds left. Newton hit Greg Olsen with a 1-yard pass to cap a 12-play drive.

Carolina also rallied past the New England Patriots with a late drive last Monday.

The Panthers (8-3) overcame a 16-3 first-half deficit to extend their longest winning streak since 2003. Miami (5-6) fell to 2-2 since tackle Jonathan Martin left the team and the Dolphins' bullying scandal began to mushroom.

Rams 42, Bears 21

In St. Louis, Tavon Austin's 65-yard touchdown run — his fourth straight this season from beyond midfield — jump-started a 21-point first quarter. The Rams (5-6) followed a 30-point rout of Indianapolis in front of their largest crowd of the season, about half of them clad Bears orange, with another big win. Late scores by rookie backup running back Benny Cunningham and defensive end Robert Quinn helped finish off the Bears (6-5), who remained tied for the NFC North lead with Detroit.

Josh McCown passed for 352

yards and two touchdowns with an interception for Chicago, which had won four straight in the series. The Bears had a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown by Devin Hester nullified by a holding penalty in the fourth quarter.

Cardinals 40, Colts 11

In Glendale, Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes to Larry Fitzgerald and Karlos Dansby returned an interception 22 yards for a score as the Cardinals won their fourth in a row.

Cardinals coach Bruce Arians beat the team that propelled him to coaching prominence last season, when he took over as Colts interim coach while Chuck Pagano fought leukemia. Arians was the NFL's Coach of the Year for 2012.

Fitzgerald caught five passes for 52 yards, becoming the youngest player in NFL history to reach 11,000 yards receiving. Arizona's Michael Floyd had his second straight 100-yard receiving day with seven catches for 104 yards for the Cardinals (7-4).

Ravens 19, Jets 3

In Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw a 66-yard touchdown pass to Jacoby Jones and Justin Tucker kicked four field goals as the Ravens shut down the sputtering offense of the Jets.

The defending Super Bowl champion Ravens (5-6) had lost four of five before bouncing back to beat New York (5-6) and keep their playoff hopes alive. Jones had four catches for 103 yards and returned five punts for 108 yards.

Baltimore won on the

strength of its defense, however, as the Jets committed three turnovers and went 1 for 12 on third-down conversions. Rookie Geno Smith completed nine of 22 passes for 127 yards and two interceptions, both by Corey Graham.

New York had alternated wins and losses in its first 10 games, but the pattern ended here with its second straight defeat.

Steelers 27, Browns 11

In Cleveland, Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes and beat Cleveland again as the Steelers moved back into the playoff picture. Roethlisberger connected on a 41-yard TD pass to Antonio Brown in the first half, and hit Emmanuel Sanders on a 4-yarder in the third quarter for the Steelers (5-6), who have turned their season around following an 0-4 start.

Roethlisberger finished 22 of 34 for 217 yards and improved to 16-1 against the Browns (4-7), who have lost five of six and seen a promising year turn into yet another miserable one.

Browns quarterback Jason Campbell sustained a concussion in the third quarter when he was sacked by cornerback William Gay. Campbell was struck in the helmet by Gay and his head snapped back and banged the turf.

Titans 23, Raiders 19

In Oakland, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Kendall Wright with 10 seconds remaining to cap a mistake-free performance that put the Titans back in playoff contention.

Fitzpatrick also threw a 54-yard TD pass to Justin Hunter and Rob Bironas added three field goals to give Tennessee (5-6) its second win in seven games. But despite the recent slump, the Titans find themselves in a six-way tie for the sixth and final playoff spot in the AFC with five weeks left in the regular season.

The Raiders (4-7) missed a chance to get into that group as the defense failed to hold onto a late lead and Sebastian Janikowski missed two field goals.

Jaguars 13, Texans 6

In Houston, in a matchup of the AFC's worst teams, the Texans couldn't stop their losing streak.

Maurice Jones-Drew ran for a season-high 84 yards and a touchdown and the Jaguars extended the Texans' losing streak to a franchise-record nine games. The two-time AFC South champions haven't won since Sept. 15.

Jones-Drew's touchdown on Jacksonville's first drive put the Jaguars (2-9) on top, and they never trailed against an inept Texans offense.

Josh Scobee kicked field goals of 30 and 53 yards to help the Jaguars win for the second time in three games.

RGA to host golf tournament for Jess Wabol



The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be hosting a “Tribute to Jess Wabol” golf tournament on Dec. 21 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

RGA and the friends of the late Wabol, who passed away last month, are inviting various golf federations on the island to join and support this event honoring one of CNMI’s golf legends and an inductee to the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame.

Registration begins at 6:30 am with a shot-gun start at 7:30am. Tournament format, proceed recipient(s), prizes, tickets, and other tournament details will be announced through the media outlets within the next few weeks. Tournament fee is \$100 and is payable to RGA.

Interested golfers are encouraged to contact Tony I. Rogolifo at 285-3966, Ed Peter at 989-5769, or members of the association for registration and information. RGA is also reaching out to friends and associates both in the public and business community for donations, whether it be cash or in-kind, to defray some of the



The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be hosting a golf tournament in memory of the late Jess Wabol, seen here in action during a local tournament in 2009, on Dec. 21 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	7	.462	—
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	1
Boston	5	10	.333	2
New York	3	9	.250	2½
Brooklyn	3	10	.231	3
Southeast Division				
Miami	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	8	6	.571	2½
Charlotte	7	7	.500	3½
Washington	5	8	.385	5
Orlando	4	9	.308	6
Central Division				
Indiana	12	1	.923	—
Chicago	6	6	.500	5½
Detroit	5	8	.385	7
Cleveland	4	10	.286	8½
Milwaukee	2	10	.167	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	12	1	.923	—
Dallas	9	5	.643	3½
Houston	9	5	.643	3½
Memphis	7	6	.538	5
New Orleans	6	6	.500	5½
Northwest Division				
Portland	12	2	.857	—
Oklahoma City	9	3	.750	2
Minnesota	8	7	.533	4½
Denver	6	6	.500	5
Utah	1	14	.067	11½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	10	5	.667	—
Golden State	8	6	.571	1½
Phoenix	7	6	.538	2
L.A. Lakers	7	7	.500	2½
Sacramento	4	9	.308	5

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	288	230
N.Y. Jets	5	6	0	.455	186	287
Miami	5	6	0	.455	229	245
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	236	273
South						
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	263	260
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	250	245
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	142	324
Houston	2	9	0	.182	199	289
North						
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	275	206
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	243	256
Baltimore	5	6	0	.455	227	215
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	203	265
West						
Denver	9	2	0	.818	429	289
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	270	179
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	269	260
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	213	269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	298	279
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	276	260
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	213	280
Washington	3	7	0	.300	246	311
South						
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818	305	196
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	258	151
Tampa Bay	3	8	0	.273	211	258
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	227	309
North						
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	286	277
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	303	309
Green Bay	5	5	1	.500	284	265
Minnesota	2	8	1	.227	266	346
West						
Seattle	10	1	0	.909	306	179
Arizona	7	4	0	.636	254	223
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	247	178
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	266	255

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fair in the semifinals with MP United Boys U18, which got a bye and an outright Final Four berth in the seven-team tournament. MP United Boys U18 was seeded first in the FA Cup after ruling the U18 fall league early this month. The all-MP United semis duel is set for tonight at 6pm with the winner advancing to the one-game finals scheduled for this Saturday at 6pm and the loser playing in the consolation match, also this weekend at 4pm.

In the other semis pairing, it will be Tan Holdings FC Boys U18 versus Paire FC U18, as the two squads also

anticipated costs associated with the coordination of this event.

To ensure a well organized tournament, RGA is seeking individuals to volunteer at the registration area. Ad-

ditional volunteers are also need to act as spotters and staff at the drink stations.

RGA extends its appreciation to Jess Wabol’s friends, who initiated this great idea. This tournament is all about

Jess Wabol, who contributed tremendously to this game.

“We invite all to join us on Dec. 21 in remembrance of Jess,” RGA said in a press statement. **(PR)**

won their first round matches last weekend.

Paire FC U18 9, Tan Holdings U15 0

Paire FC U18 schooled Tan Holdings U15 in the second match in the first round.

Ethan Dickinson led Paire’s lop-sided win, as he nailed a hat-trick, while Keanu Diaz contributed two goals, and four others chipped in one goal apiece.

Dickinson lit up the scoreboard for Paire first with his goal in the 15th minute, while Saixian Bagsic scored, too five minutes later. Hae Sung Lee made it a 3-0 advantage with his

goal in the 40th, while Diaz followed quickly with his first goal in the 41st.

Diaz picked up where he left off, getting his second goal right into the second minute of the final frame, while Dickinson also earned his second goal in the 57th. John Abelinde joined the spree seven minutes later, while James David scored next (70th) before Dickinson capped his hat-trick with a goal in the 71st.

Tan Holdings U18 4, Matansa U15 1

Tan Holdings Boys U18 secured the fourth and final semis ticket in the FA Cup after outclassing Matansa Boys U15.

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men’s division, followed by Noriyo-shi Watanabe (5:40:34) and Hideaki Inoue (6:00:49). In the women’s division, the 43-year-old Tomoko Takashi timed in at 6:17:34 to finish ahead of Yuri Nakagawa (6:16:36) and Tomoko Nagamiya (6:23:46).

Meanwhile, the 72-year-old Takashi Yamamoto of Rota was the oldest competitor and the lone entry in the swim course only, finishing

in 42:38. The youngest competitor, 13-year-old Emiko Inoue, finished the triathlon ranked 16th out of 20 (3:46:03) in the women’s division.

The Rota Blue Triathlon featured two distances: an A-type half-marathon distance, which included a 1.5 km swim, followed by a 40 km rigorous biking course and a 10 km run (no time limit); and the B-type Olympic distance, which included a 2.0 km swim, followed by a 90 km biking course and topped off with a 21 km run (8-hour time limit).

The event was sponsored by Mari-

anas Visitors Authority (MVA), Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan, and the Rota Mayor’s Office.

“Once again, the Rota Blue Triathlon was a great success,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “The weather and sea conditions were perfect, and the island of Rota is just as beautiful and hospitable as always.”

The triathlon event was also supported by Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Dept. of Public Safety Traffic and Boating Safety Unit,

undefeated record.

In contrast, Maplas had only Alex Lauron and Edmark Mendoza consistently hitting baskets, making it difficult for the team to counter San Antonio’s balance offense. Lauron and Mendoza finished with 25 and 18 points, respectively.

Melvin Cadiang had 22 for San Antonio, while De Guzman and Alegre chipped in 16 and 10, respectively, to offset the 43 markers of Lauron and Mendoza. Jack Aranda, JP Villanueva, and Mike Espinosa added 7 each.

NMI Contractor 74, Fliptop 63

In the Pool A game, NMI Contractor notched its second straight win after dropping four straight matches, following an 11-point victory over Fliptop.

NMI Contractor (3-4) moved up to fourth place in the division, while Fliptop fell to a 2-3 card, tying Adobo (2-3) and Kixx Engine Oil (2-3). Rounding out Pool A are division leader Docomo Pacific (4-1), Fong’s Bakery (2-2), and Chinatown and Saipan Ice & Water, which had 3-3 and 2-2 slates, pending results of their make-up game last Saturday night.

NMI Contractor won against Fliptop after recovering from a slow start. It scored only 8 points in the opening canto to fall behind, 8-13, before averaging at least 20 markers in each of the last three periods to steal the victory.

Four of NMI Contractor’s starters logged double figures to beat Fliptop. Don Brennan had 24 points, Trevor Ogumor chipped in 15, and Rocyl Ritual and Perry Inos recorded 14 and 10,

Dept. of Finance, Rota Resort, Bay Breeze, Division of Youth Services, Joe Santos, Northern Marianas College CREES, Community and Cultural Affairs, Blue Palm, Mark Micheal, System Clinic, JSBM, Aqua Dive Shop, Tri Sports, Serena, Beato Calvo, Vince Calvo, and Rubin.

The annual Rota Blue Triathlon is one of four major triathlon events held in the Northern Mariana Islands. The other three are the XTERRA Saipan Championship, Tagaman Triathlon, and the Tinian Turquoise Blue.

respectively. Won Joo Jung and Daniel Camacho top-scored for Fliptop, making 12 points apiece.

First Game

NMI Contractor 74 – Brennan 24, Ogumoro 15, Ritual 14, Inos 10, Galarse 9.

Fliptop 63 – Camacho 12, Jung 12, Babauta 9, Toribio 8, Isip 6, Hockett 6.

Scoring by quarters: 8-13, 28-28, 50-42, 74-63.

Second Game

San Antonio 80 – Cadiang 22, De Guzman 16, Alegre 10, Aranda 7, JP. Villanueva 7, Espinosa 7, Manaluz 4.

Maplas 60 – Lauron 25, Mendoza 18, Rivera 5, M. Usi 5, Tenorio 3.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 39-27, 62-39, 80-60.

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bottom two will be eliminated.

The much younger and faster San Antonio crew outgunned and outran Maplas in the first three quarters to take control of the match en route to the 20-point win. San Antonio averaged close to 21 points in the first three periods, earning several points from fastbreak plays, while Maplas scored no more than 14 markers in each of the first three frames to face a 39-62 deficit, with only one quarter to go.

Melvin Cadiang, Jaymark De Guzman, and Bryle Alegre provided San Antonio a steady source of points in the first three frames, while their three other teammates also contributed to the cause to keep the squad’s

5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic

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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race, left, receives the ceremonial check donation from Lydia Tan, tournament director for the 5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic during the competition's awards ceremony at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



The Top 2 finishers in the U18 doubles show their plaques, from left, runners-up Negahr Rastguiy and McKayla Lopez and champions Christian Miller and Thea Minor.



From left, girls U12 doubles runners-up Asia Raulerson and Jireh Warren and champions Conatsu Kaga and Malika Miyawaki pose with their plaques.



Girls U10 doubles champion Ellie Epley and Marie Gregoire pose with runners-up Maaya Sato and Hana Ojima.



Boys U12 doubles champions Steven Goodwin and Robbie Schorr and runners-up Sean Lee and Aditya Rai show their plaques.



Girls U14 doubles champions Carol Lee and Tania Tan pose with runners-up Ami Tsukagishi and Mimi Sakano.



From left, boys U14 doubles runners-up Vincent Tudela and Tony Kim pose with champions Michael Ren and Joshua Abragan.



Larry Lee and five of his students perform a medley of songs.



Guests Kye Tamm and Greg Kim entertain the crowd during the awards ceremony.



From left, mini tennis champion Shaira Irin Valle, second place Erie Ortega, and third finisher Michelle Ryu, pose for a group photo.



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Kings, 100-86**

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FA Challenge Cup semis cast complete

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The 2013 FA Youth Challenge Cup is down to four teams after three squads won their respective games last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



MP United Boys U15 bagged the second semis berth in the single-elimination tournament after slipping past Shirley's FC Girls Team, 2-1, in the first game.

Sun Joon Tenorio scored the winning goal in the 78th minute to foil Shirley's FC upset bid. Earlier in the first half, Alex Park put MP United in the board with his goal in the fifth minute, while Dianne Pablo forced the deadlock seven minutes later.

With the victory, MP United Boys U15 arranged a family af-



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MP United Boys U15's Jason Kim and Shirley FC's Jeralyn Castillo kick the ball during the second half of their game in the 2013 FA Youth Challenge Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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A participant cuts the tape at the finish line of the Rota Blue Triathlon held last Nov. 16.

Rota Blue Triathlon draws 111 athletes



It was a beautiful week for a beautiful race, as 111 athletes turned out for the 20th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon held on Nov. 16.

The Japanese dominated the competition and were joined by Rota and Guam triathletes. The 34-year-old Ryosuke Yamamoto topped the men's division after clocking in at 2:04:47.

Coming in at second place was Taro Shirato (2:13:50), while Hideya Miyazuka (2:22:09) rounded out the Top 3. In the women's division, the 45-year-old Ayako Shirato (2:33:31) finished first, followed by Sonoko Matsubara (2:47:28) and Yukiko Koike (2:50:27).

In the Half Ironman event, the 22-year-old Junpei Furuya (4:25:35) placed first in the

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San Antonio boosts chances for q'finals slot

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San Antonio clinched its fourth win in as many games in the 2nd DL

Corp. Invitational Basketball League, following an 80-60 thrashing of Maplas last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With its 4-0 record, San Antonio keeps pace with fellow unbeaten and Pool B leader Island Floral (5-0) and maintains its distance against the third-running CJ Signs (4-1). Completing the Pool B standings are Natural Mystic (4-3), San Roque (2-3), I Love Saipan (2-4), Island Manpower (1-5), and Maplas (0-6). The Top 2 teams after the round robin regular season will gain the automatic quarterfinals berths, while the next four will battle for the two other Round of 8 slots in the group, and the

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San Antonio's Melvin Cadiang drives against Maplas' Ralph Surla, right, and Edmark Mendoza during the second quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.